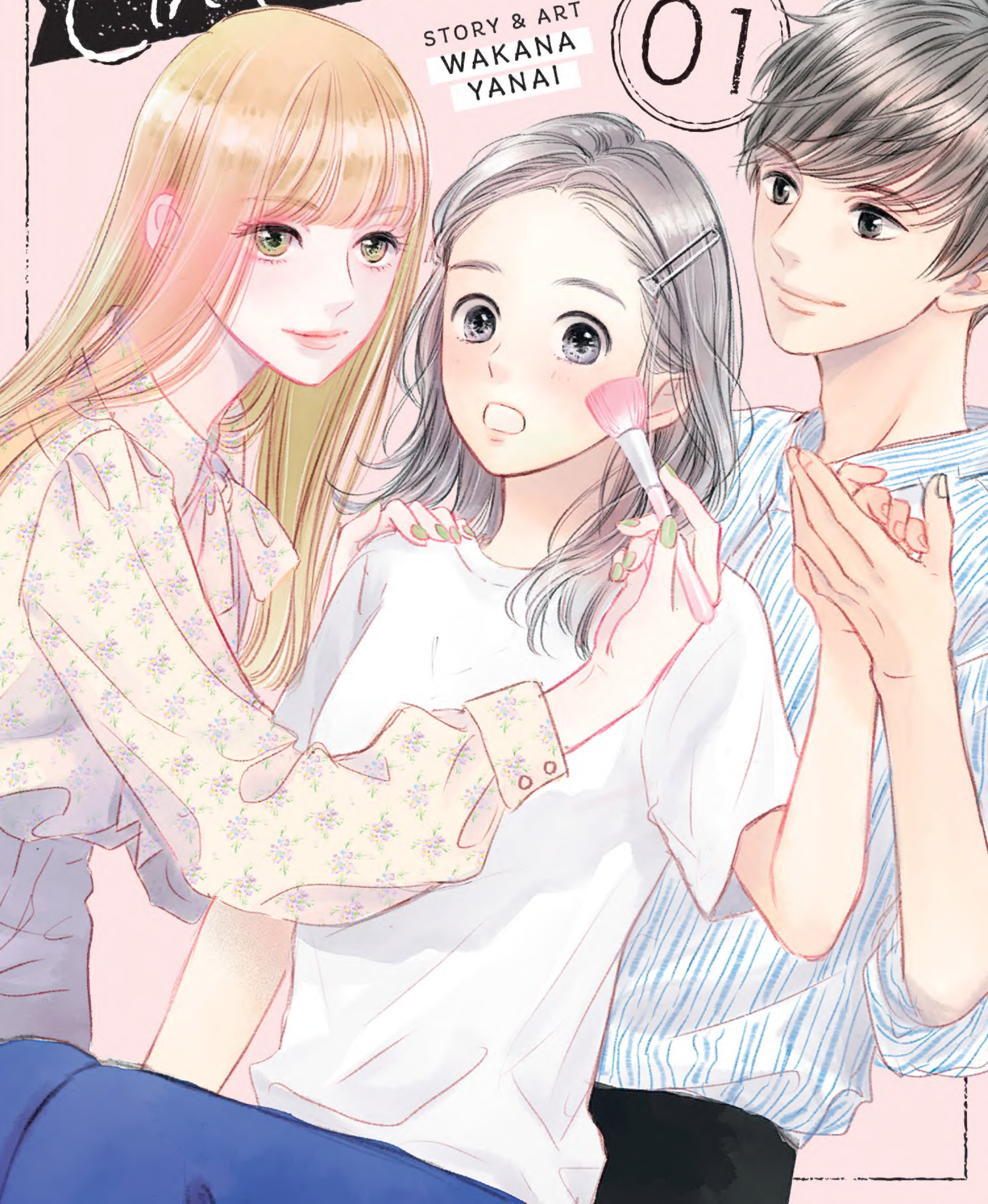


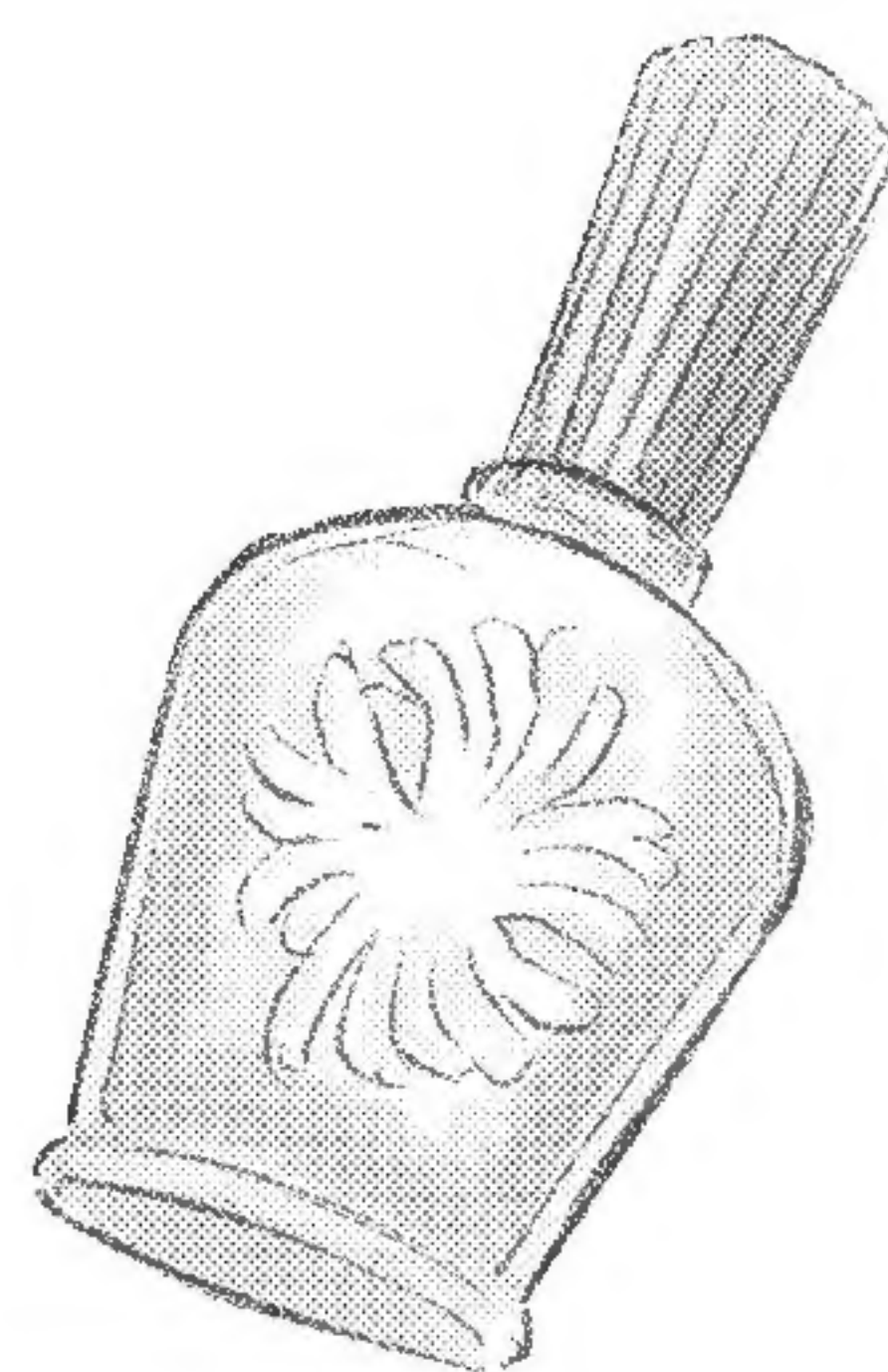
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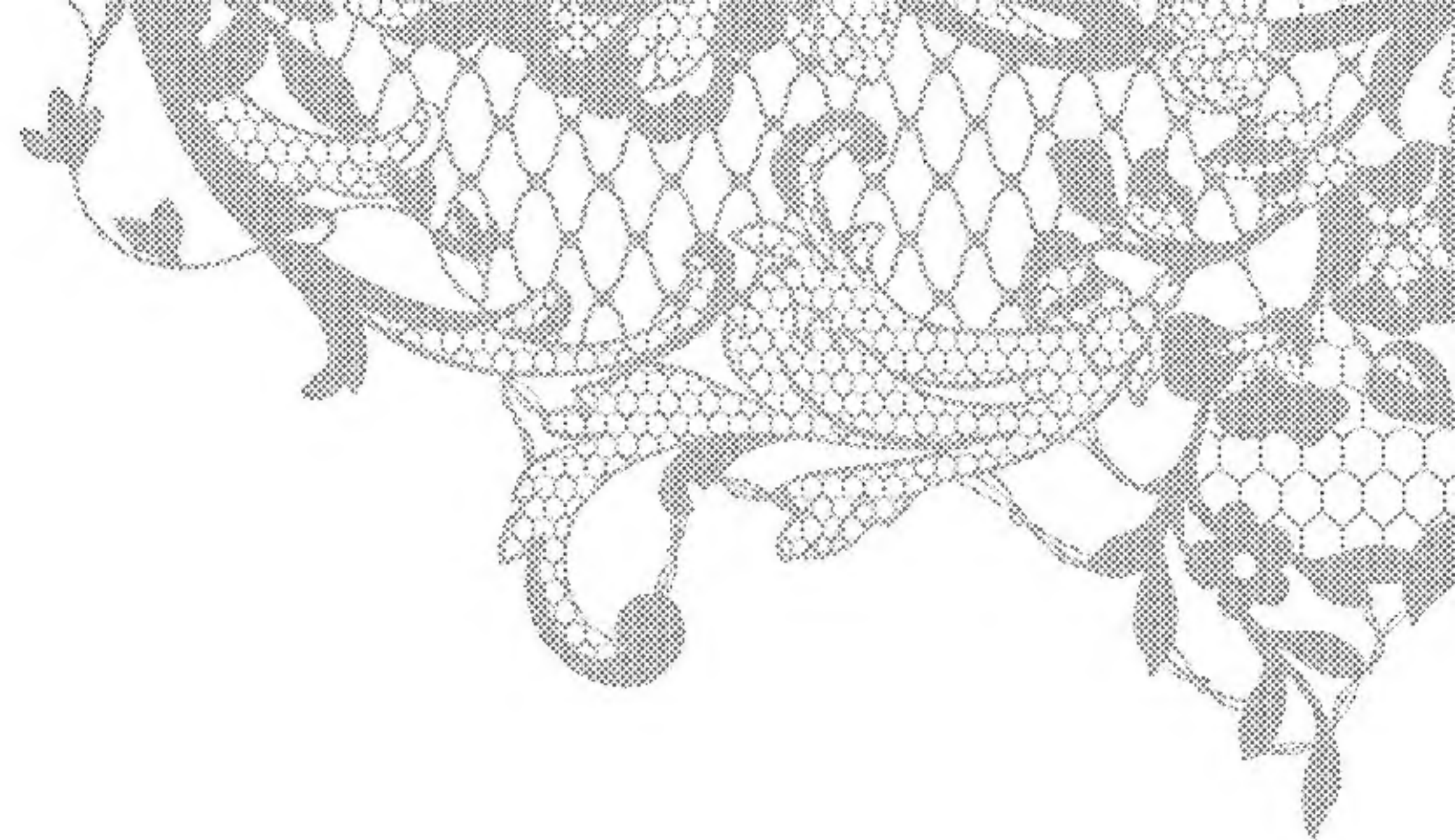
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Cinderella Closet



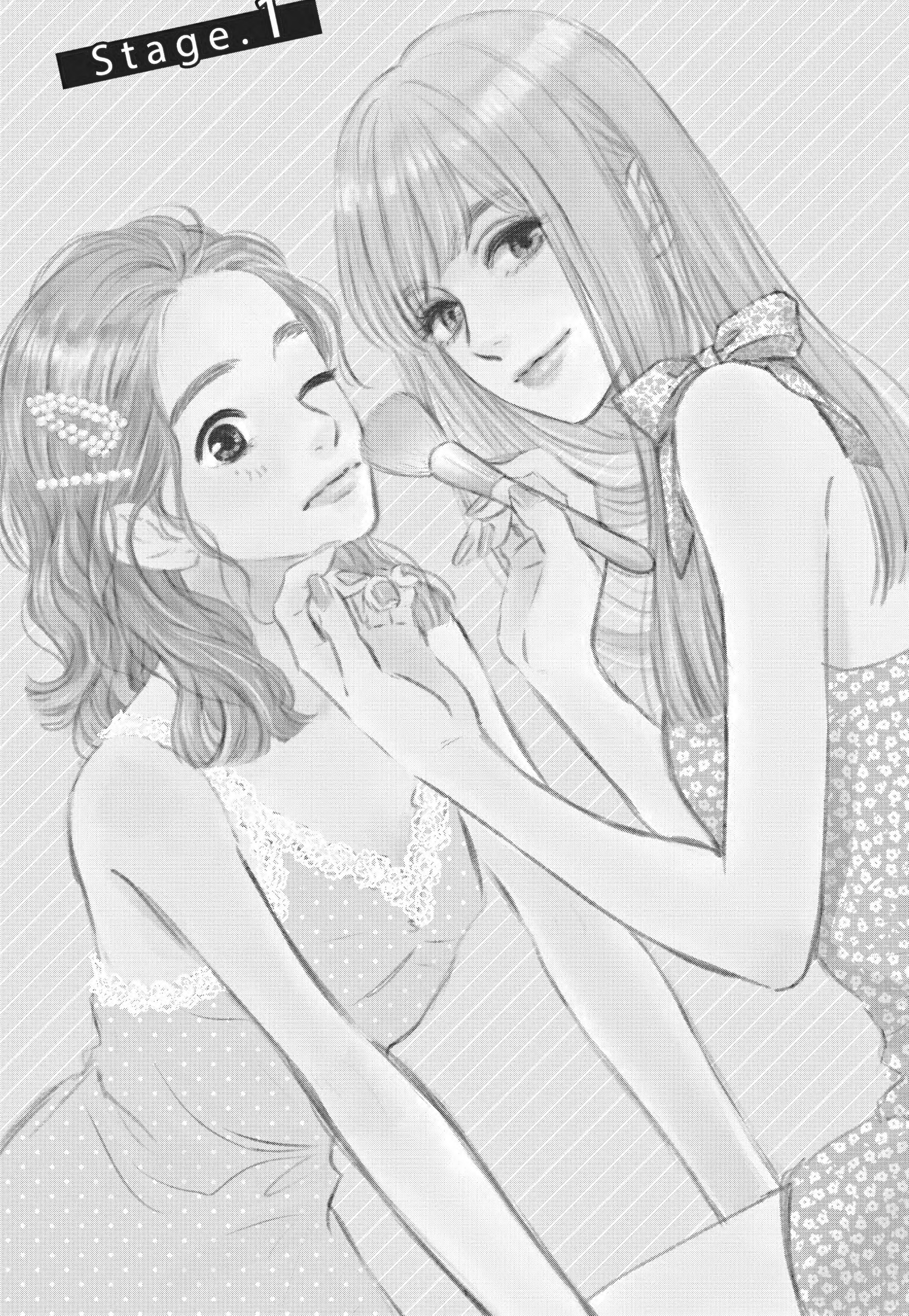


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Stage. 1



Things I Wanna Do in COLLEGE Relay!

- ☐ Join a club and keep playing basketball. 🏀
- ☐ Grow my hair out. Totes wanna dye it, too!
- ☐ Get lots of friends 😊
- ☐ Get some moolah! 💰

☐ Make lots of friends 😊

☐ Get a café gig and make some moolah! 💰

☐ Study up at a coffee shop!

☐ Level up my fashion! Gotta keep polishing my looks! ✨

☐ Live the college campus experience!

☐ Get a boyfriend and have a wonderful romance. 💕

Aaaaand
post!



SHUEI
HIGH
SCHOOL
FOR
GIFTED
GIRLS

Graduation
ceremony

IT'S
BEEN
A YEAR
SINCE
THEN.

Thaa-
aanks!

Yo,
Haruka,
let's
take a
pic!

You'll
always be a
part of our
basketball
club,
Fukunaga-
senpai!

Every-
one's
waiting
for
you!

Harukaaa!

I'll be
right
there!

Lemme
crash with
you if I
ever visit
Tokyo!

You got it!
I'll be the
hippest city
girl around
and show
you the
sights!

Ah
ha
ha...

YOU ARE THE BEST,
FUKUNAGA-SENPAI!
-KANAMI

THANK YOU!
I'M A BIT SHY, BUT
GOOD LUCK OVER IN TOKYO!
-TAKAHASHI

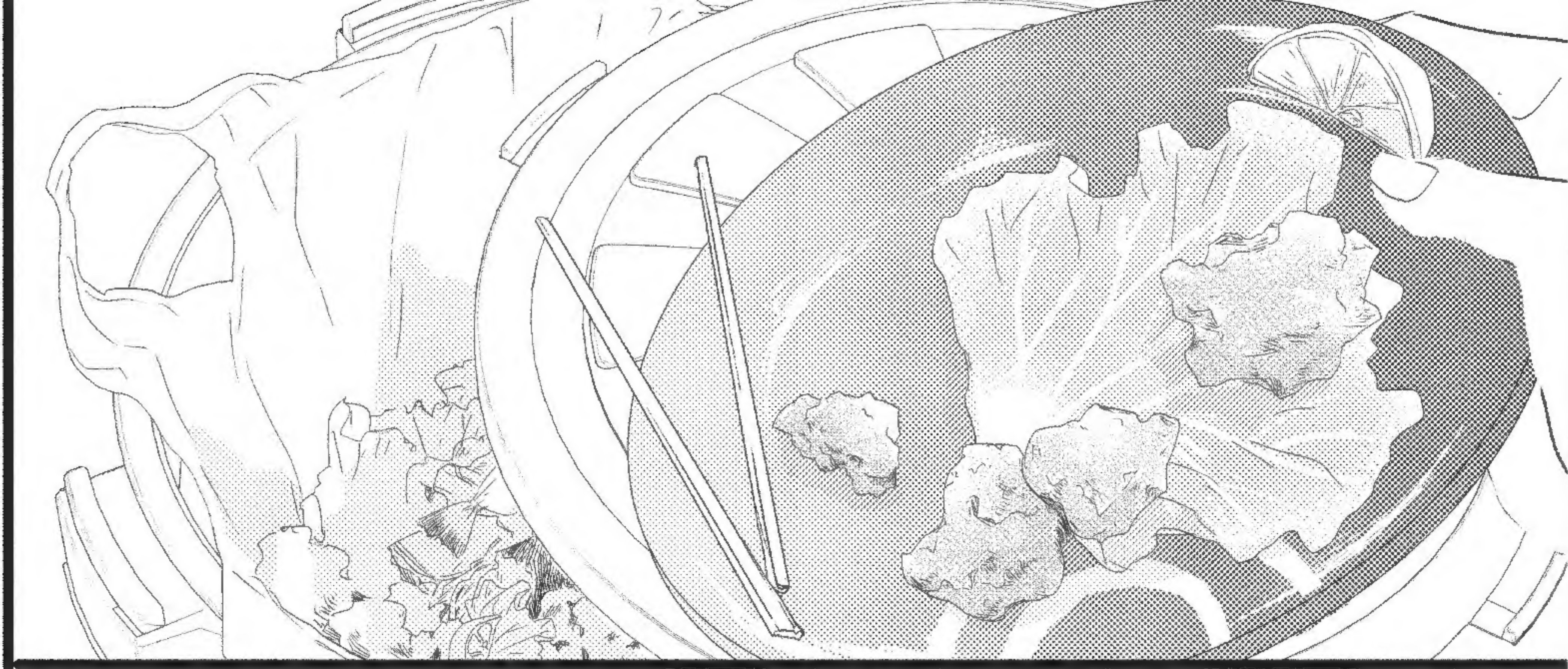
Thank you for
everything, Senpai.
Fukunaga-senpai
You're very important!
Take care over in Tokyo!
-MURAKAMI

DO GRASP THEM!
BE SURE TO COME
BACK HOME SOMETIME
GUE AFTER MOVING
TO TOKYO! C?

Good luck over
in Tokyo!

Congrats
for being
the best!

Congrats
for being
the best!



AND
JUST
LOOK
AT ME
NOW.

GULP...



'SCUSE
ME.

I'M A
SECOND-YEAR
UNIVERSITY
STUDENT
WHO'S STILL
PRETTY NEW
TO TOKYO.

THE
NAME'S
FUKUNAGA
HARUKA.
I'M NINE-
TEEN YEARS
OLD.

BE RIGHT
THEEERE!

炭火やきとり
鳥丸



Yes!

AS MANY
AS YOU
CAN GIVE
ME!

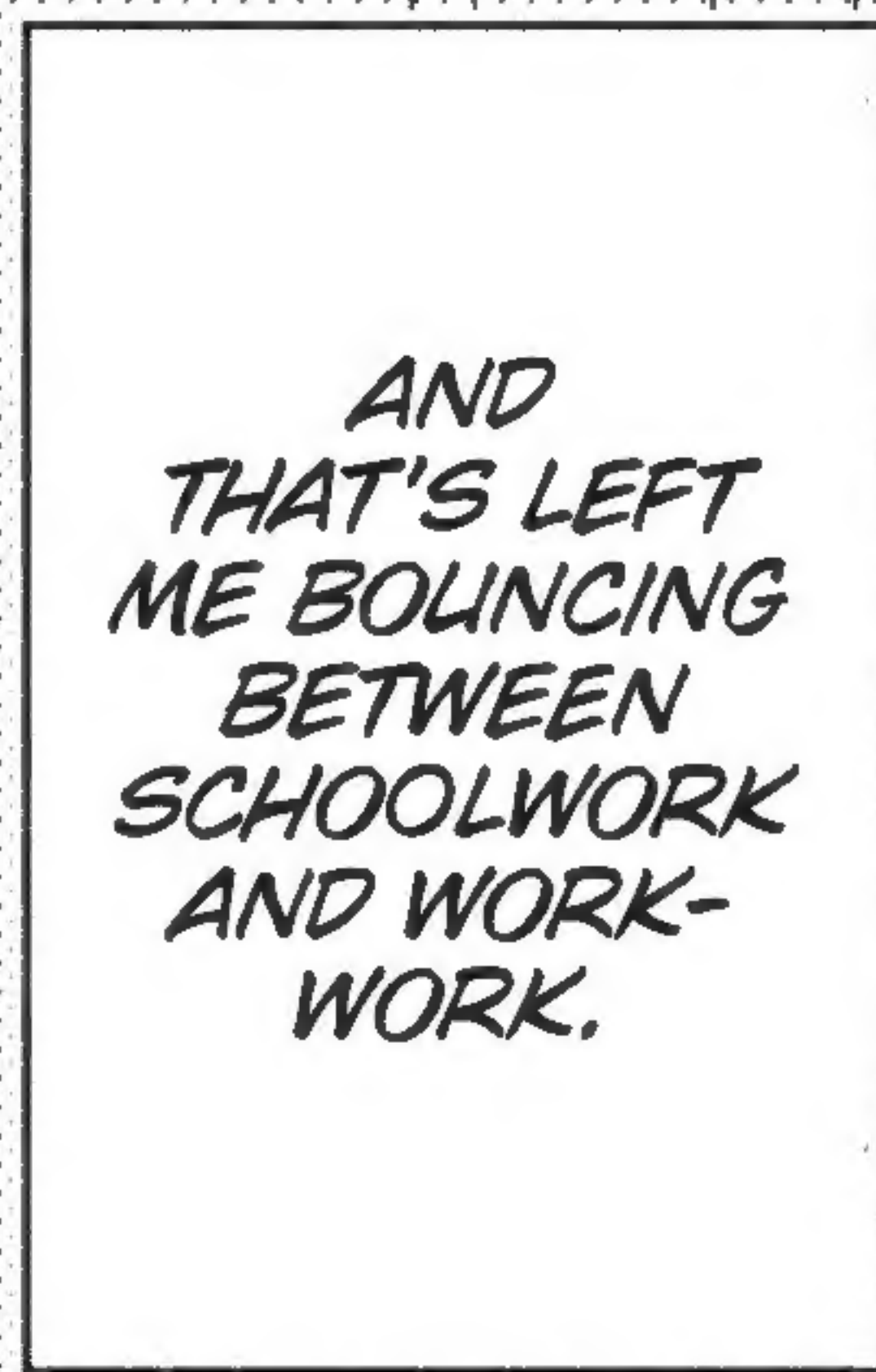
YOU WANT
ANY SHIFTS
NEXT WEEK,
FUKUNAGA?



GOSH,
WHAT A
WASTE.

WE
SERIOUSLY
CAN'T TAKE
ANY OF
THIS HOME
WITH US?

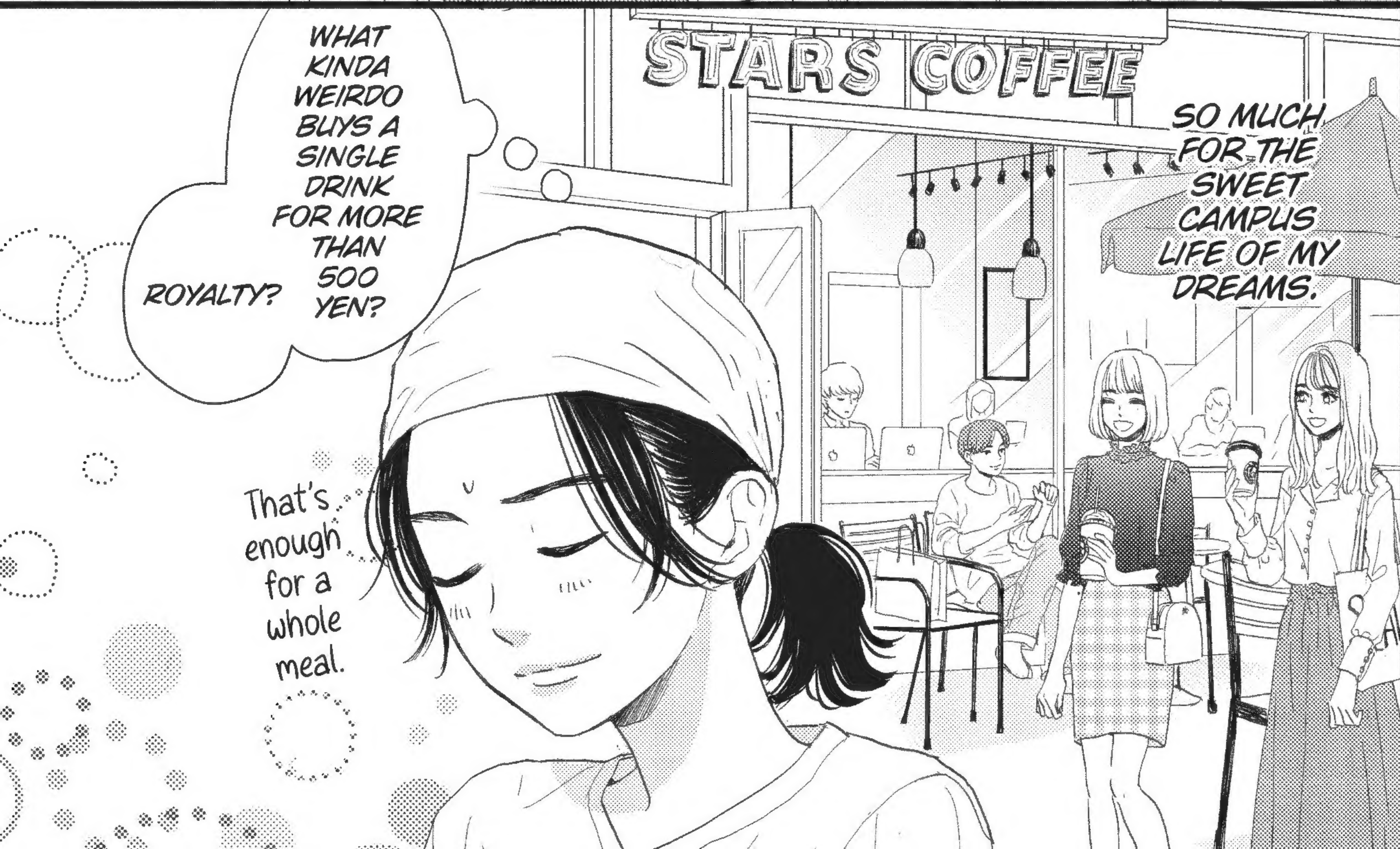
Can't
stop
thinking
about
that...



AND
THAT'S LEFT
ME BOUNCING
BETWEEN
SCHOOLWORK
AND WORK-
WORK.



THE
REALITY OF
HAVING TO PAY
RENT SANK IN
SHORTLY AFTER
I MOVED
HERE...



WHAT
KINDA
WEIRDO
BUYS A
SINGLE
DRINK
FOR MORE
THAN
500
YEN?
ROYALTY?

That's
enough
for a
whole
meal.

STARS COFFEE

SO MUCH
FOR THE
SWEET
CAMPUS
LIFE OF MY
DREAMS.

AWRIGHT!



Alley-
oop!

Hey!

THE
TAP'S
DRY!

Can
someone
fix
that?

WHO'S
GOT TIME TO
CARE ABOUT
FASHION,
LIVING
PAYCHECK TO
PAYCHECK?
FOOD COMES
FIRST.

I'M
ON IT!

YOU IDIOT!

THAT'S
MORE THAN
TEN KILOS
YOU'RE TRYIN'
TO CARRY
THERE.

Pipe
down.
☆





YOU'RE
A GIRL,
SO NO
HEAVY
LIFTING.

KU...
KURO-
TAKI-
SAN.



OH, I'LL
BE FINE!

I'M A GIRL,
BUT I'M
STRONGER
THAN YOU'D
THINK!

Ah ha ha...

BLUUSH

HE SAW
MEEEEEE!

GIMME
THAT.

YOU GOT
ANY IDEA
HOW MANY
MUGS YOU
CAN FILL
WITH JUST
ONE OF
THESE?

What are you,
stupid?





LEARN
TO RELAX
A LITTLE.
OVERWORK'S
NO GOOD.

YOU'VE
BEEN
WORKING
WAY TOO
MANY
SHIFTS
LATELY.

I SAID
THAT
FOOD
COMES
FIRST...

BUT...



TAKE
SOME
TIME
OFF.

BUT I
NEED
TO--



I DUNNO
ANYMORE.



NO CAN DO. HE'S ALREADY GOT A GIRLFRIEND.

NO WAY HE'D WASTE HIS TIME ON SOMEONE LIKE ME, ANYWAY.

YOOO, THAT GUY'S **HOT!** ASK HIM OUT ALREADY!

AWWW, C'MON! I DON'T GET YOU, GIRL!



WELL, THAT'S A RELIEF!

YOU STOPPED POSTING EVER SINCE YOU MOVED TO TOKYO.

ALL YOUR BUDDIES BACK HOME WERE WORRIED ABOUT YOU.

mobile POSTS

kurotaki.fuhumagane

I'VE BEEN, UH, BUSY, IS ALL.

Ha ha ha...

Likes 16

older students who just got back overseas!

Display all 3 comments

kurotaki That was fun! I'm my formula in working with you!



No harm in just asking!

I DON'T SEE WHAT'S SO HARD TO GET.

kurotaki's account.

So normal~!

Likes 58

kurotaki Went to yesterday!



ALL I SAID WAS I WANTED A **BOY-FRIEND!**

Watch your mouth!!

YOU KEEP GOING ON ABOUT WANTING TO LOSE YOUR VIRGINITY BEFORE YOU TURN TWENTY.

GIRL, AIN'T YOUR BIRTHDAY NEXT WEEK?

CHAK
1104

JUST
KEEPING
UP WITH
A LIFE I
NEVER
THOUGHT
I'D BE
LIVING...

KEEPS
ME WAY
TOO BUSY
TO WORRY
ABOUT ALL
THAT.



Haaa...

AT LEAST WITH
NO MAKEUP ON,
I CAN JUST GO
STRAIGHT TO
SLEEP.

TOSS

BUT
I DON'T
HAVE THE
ENERGY TO
CLEEEAN!

FLING

THIS IS
ALL I'VE
GOT.

FASHION AND
ROMANCE
JUST FEEL LIKE
SOMETHING
FROM ANOTHER
WORLD TO ME.

UUGH...

NOT
THE MOST
RELAXING
ROOM
TO COME
HOME
TO.

WOBBLE...





WAS
DEFINITELY
MORE
FEMININE
THAN I AM
NOW.

YESTER-
YEAR'S ME,
FULL OF
HOPE AND
OPTIMISM...

YAAA

AWWN



BREATHE



EAT, SLEEP,
GO TO CLASS,
GO TO WORK,
REPEAT.
ROUGH.

VWEEEN

SMACK!!



Huh?

SCARED
THE HELL
OUT OF
ME.



LET'S
FREAKIN'
GOODDD!!

AAAHH!



WHO A.

IS
SHE A
MODEL?

OH MY GOD!
HER MAKEUP'S SO
PRETTY! PERFECT
BALANCE OF COLORS,
AND SUCH GREAT
DETAIL! HER LASHES
ARE SO LONG, TOO!

SORRY!

YOU'D
NEVER,
EVER FIND
SOMEONE
LIKE THIS...

JUST
WALKING
AROUND
TOKYO.

AH!

I'M SO
SORRY!

Excuse
me!!

NEED
SOME-
THING? YOU'RE
STARING
AT ME.

WHA?!

CAN I
HELP
YOU?

WELL,
THANKS.

SORRY
YOU HAD
TO SEE
ME LIKE
THAT.

Ha ha ha...

YOU'RE
JUST SO
PRETTY...

THAT
I GOT
CAUGHT
UP IN
THOUGHT
ABOUT
IT.

SMILE

┌=

┐

SO, UH...
WERE YOU
CARRYING
ALL OF THIS
STUFF WITH
YOU?

I SUCK
WITH ALL
THAT
STUFF.

Whoaaa.
GUESS
BEAUTIFUL
PEOPLE ARE
JUST BUILT
DIFFERENT.

Oooooohhh!!
NOT
A LICK OF
HUMILITY
IN HER
WORDS!



AWW, I
WOULDN'T
SAY THAT.
IT'S A
HOBBY OF
MINE.

CAN'T SAY
I'VE EVER
THOUGHT
OF IT AS A
BOTHER.



Right?
Ah ha ha.

PUTTING
ALL THAT
ON EVERY
DAY?
IT'S
GOTTA
BE A
HASSLE.



I
SEE.
WELL,
THEN.



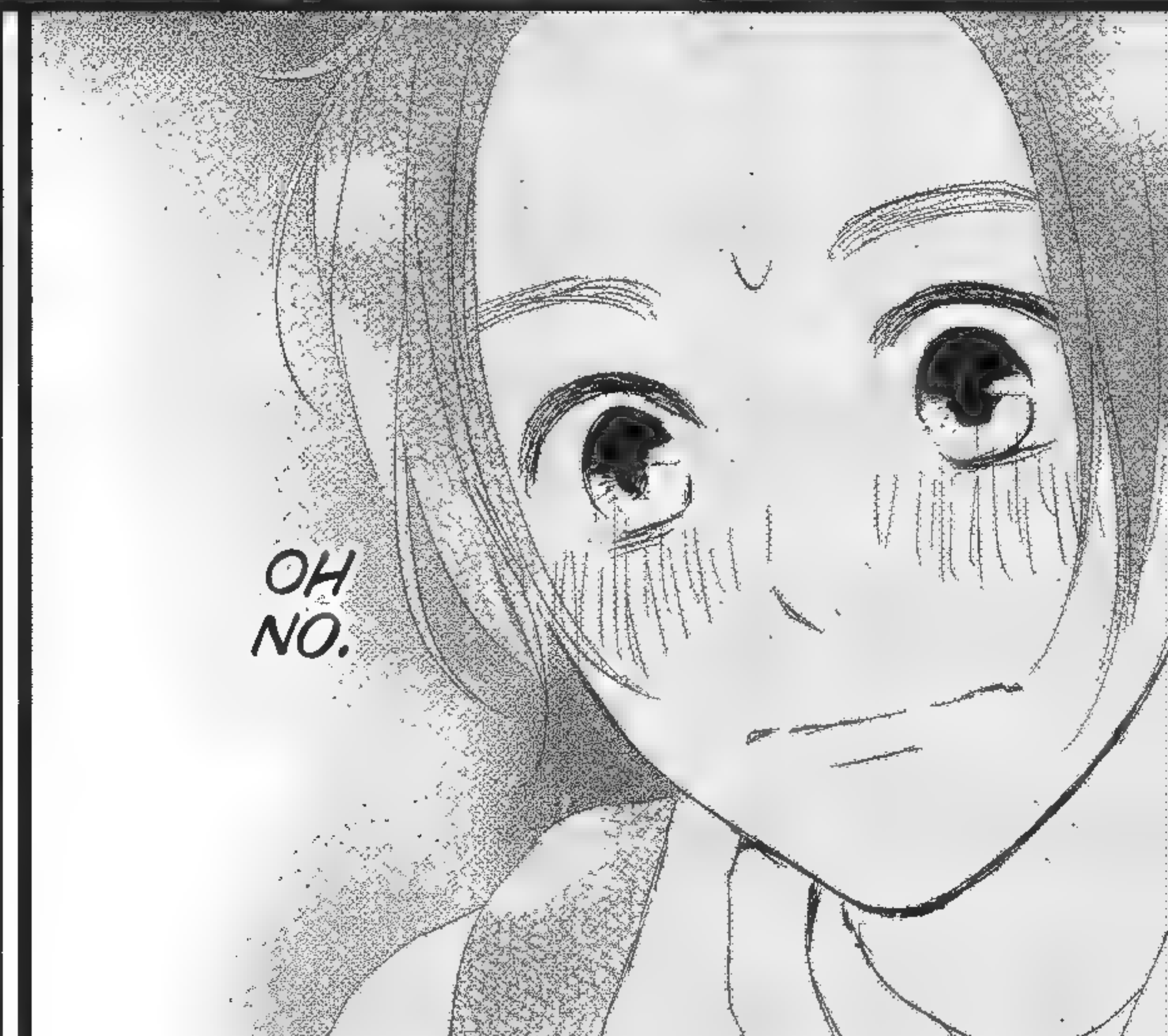
OH...



ANYONE
EVER
COM-
PLAINED?

ABOUT
YOUR
LOOKS,
I MEAN.

WAY,
SUPER
EMBAR-
RASS-
ING!!



OH
NO.



THEN WHO
CARES?

NOT
REALLY...

THINGS
JUST
GOT...



JUST
STAY
THAT
WAY.

BUT I'M ALWAYS
SO BUSY, AND
I DON'T REALLY
HAVE THE MONEY
FOR IT. IT'S JUST
NEVER BEEN A
HIGH PRIORITY.

NOT LIKE
SOMEONE LIKE
ME COULD EVER
REALLY STAND
OUT, EVEN IF
I TRIED.

Ah
ha
ha...



BLUSH
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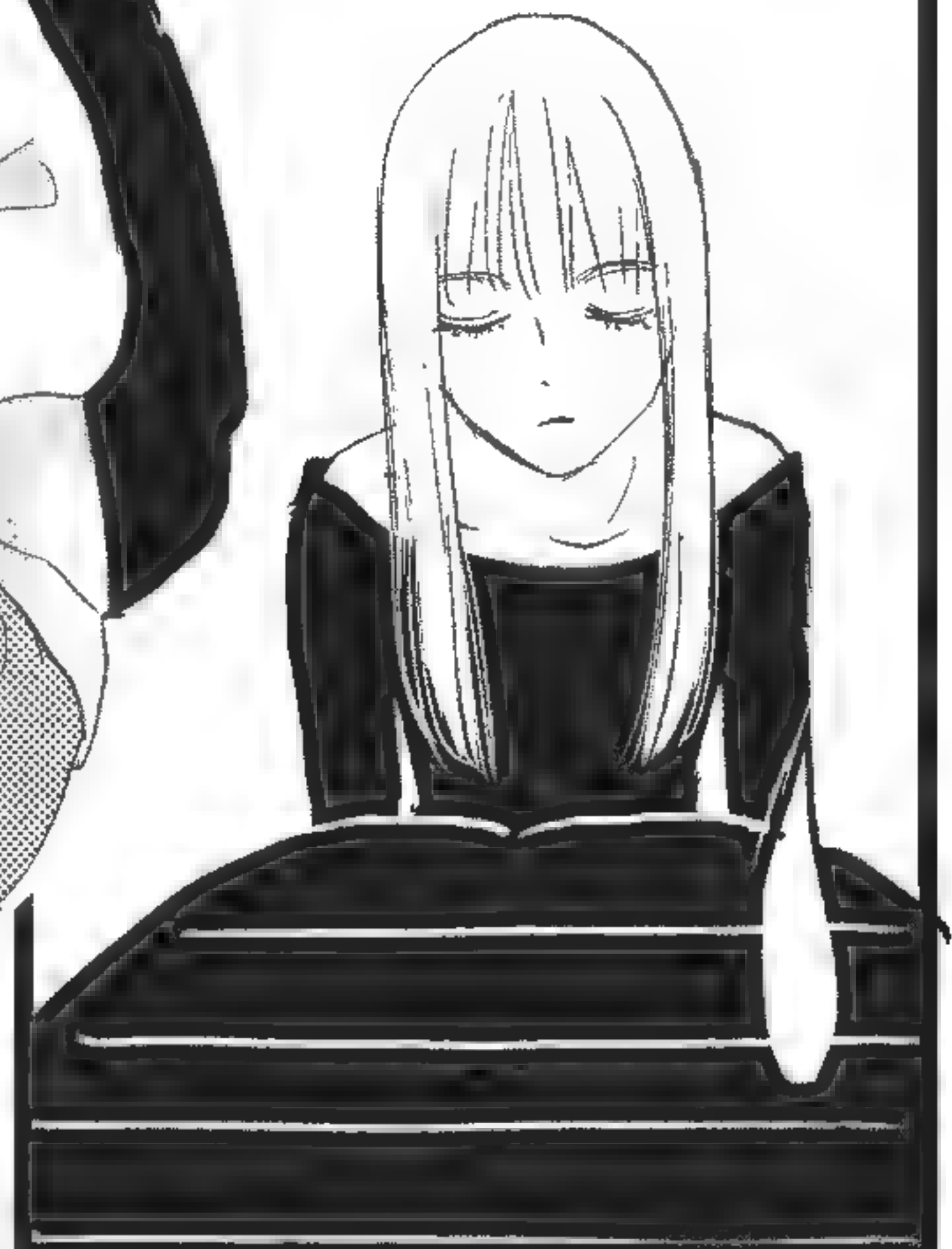
WELL...

I KIND OF
WANNA TAKE
A CRACK AT
BEING MORE
FASHIONABLE.



SARCASM?!

Did she
seriously just
say that?



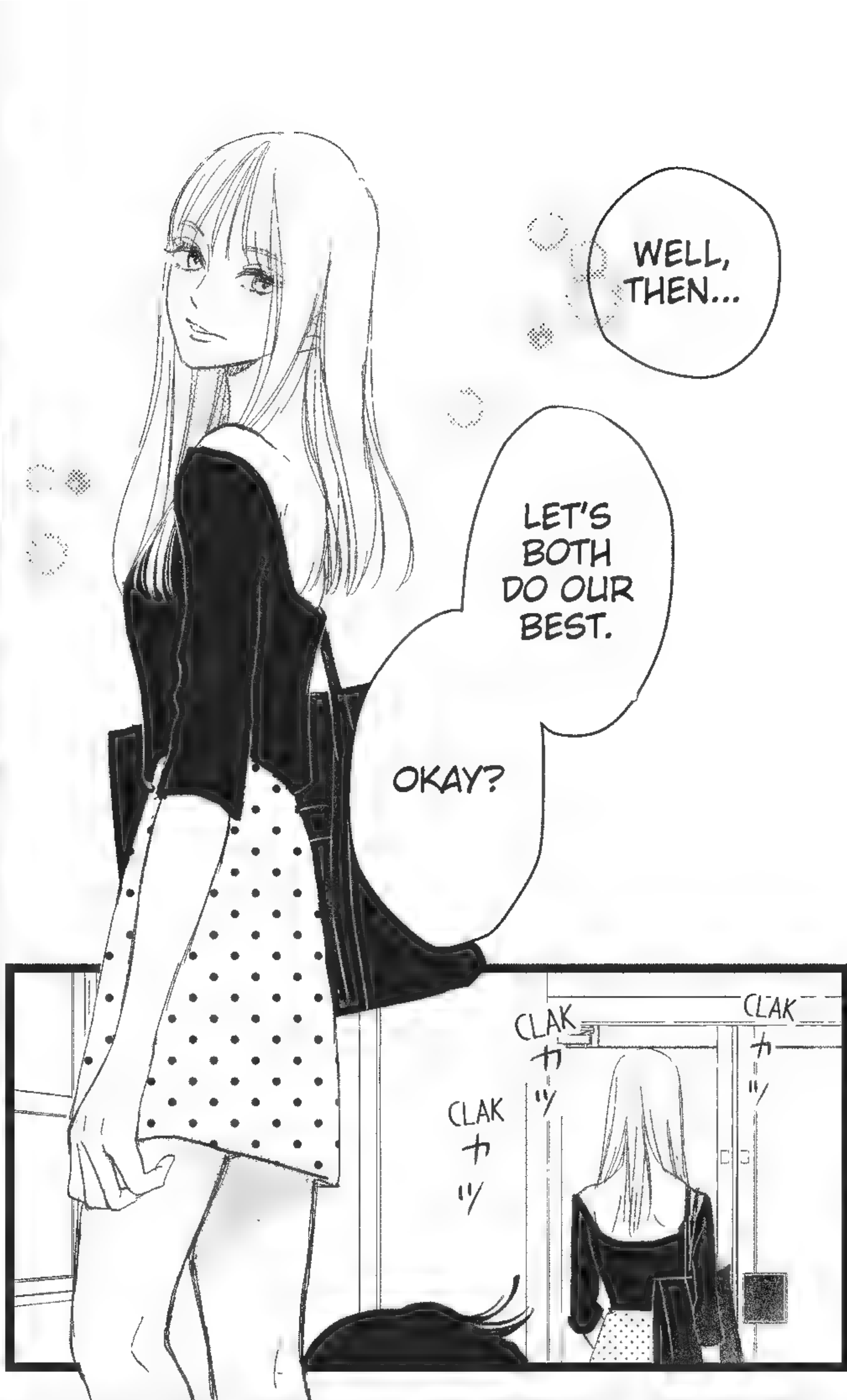
BEST TO
LEAVE THE
HIGH-LEVEL
FASHION
TO PRETTY
PEOPLE--

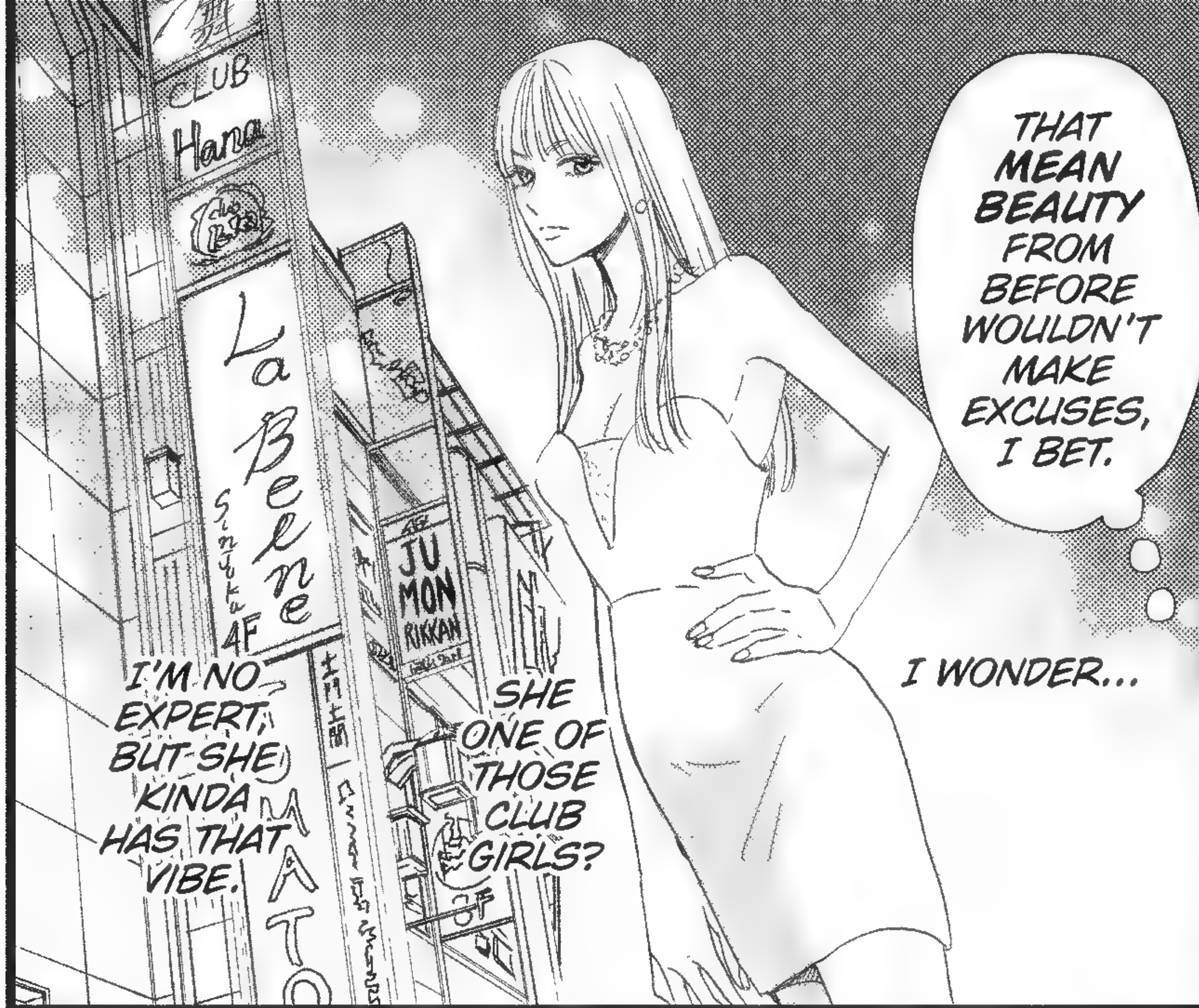
GLARE
ㄱ
ㄷ
ㄴ

BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP
BA-DUMP

A STRONG
FOUNDATION
MAKES A BIG
DIFFERENCE.

TRUE.
ONE'S
NATURAL
ASSETS ARE
IMPORTANT.





THAT
MEAN
BEAUTY
FROM
BEFORE
WOULDN'T
MAKE
EXCUSES,
I BET.

I WONDER...

I'M NO
EXPERT,
BUT SHE
KINDA
HAS THAT
VIBE.

SHE
ONE OF
THOSE
CLUB
GIRLS?



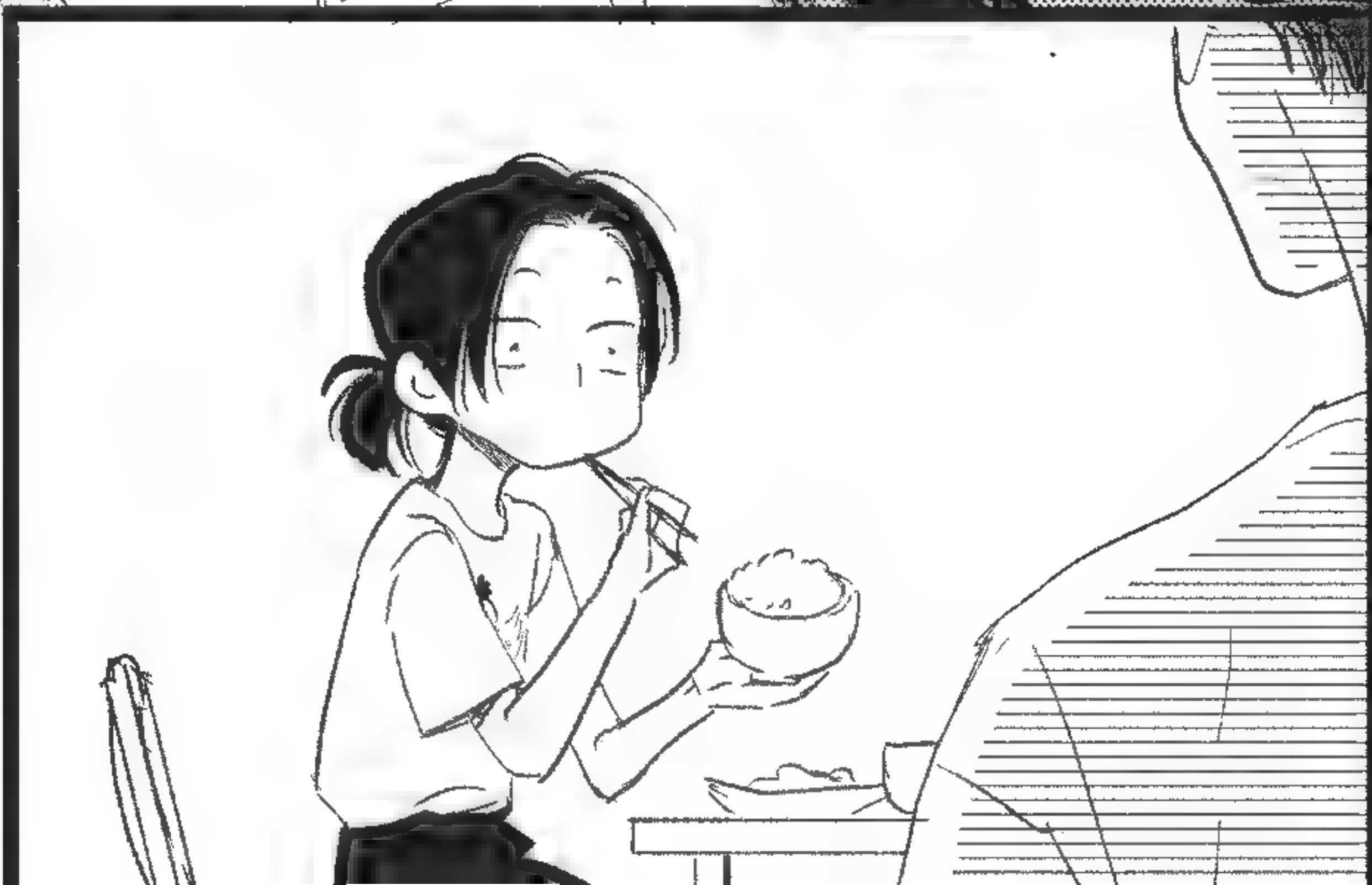
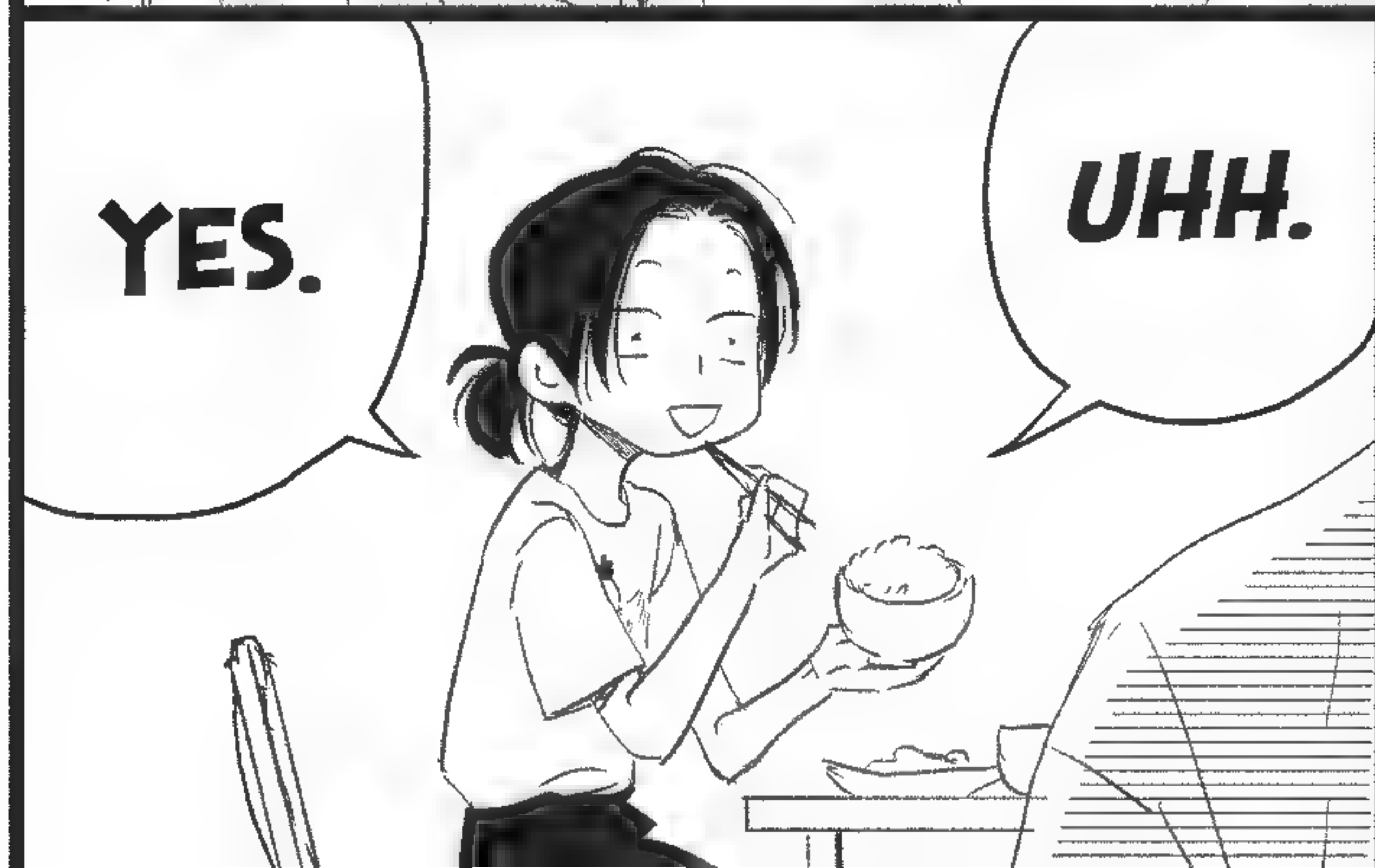
MAYBE
THERE'D BE
A REASON
TO TRY
HARDER WITH
MY LOOKS.

IF ONLY
I WAS
THAT
PRETTY.

HAVING
DINNER?

YES.

UHH.



Bro, I just
went with
you last
week.

DUDE,
YOU'VE
BEEN
DRINKING
WAY TOO
MUCH
LATELY.

SWEAR
TO GOD,
NOBODY
WANTS
TO GO
DRINKING
THESE
DAYS.

EVERY DANG
WEEK SINCE
YOU BROKE
UP WITH HER.
C'MON.

GULP

OH,
REALLY...

THAT
DOESN'T
MEAN I
SUDDENLY
HAVE A
CHANCE,
BUT...

HEARD
IT LAST
WEEK.

From
you.

HOW
DID YOU
KNOW
THAT?

YOU DIDN'T
SAY BOO
TO HER THE
WHOLE TIME
YOU WERE
OVERSEAS.

YOU
HAD IT
COMIN',
MAN.

YEAH.
I COULD
USE SOME
CHEERIN'
UP.

Y-YOU
HAD A
BREAK-
UP?

HE SAW ME
AGAAA/NNN!!

(That's the
second time now!)

MEGA
RICE
BOWL

DAMN.
GUESS YOU
AREN'T
AVAILABLE
TONIGHT,
EITHER.

WHAT?





Super unkempt hair.

Doesn't even remember how old these clothes are.

Caterpillar eyebrows.



WAIT, WHAT?

HOLD UP.

OH.

Later.

RIGHT, THEN!
SEE YA LATER.

WAS THAT A DATE?

はぁっ
SHUNK

WAS HE JUST BEING NICE?
OR...

DIDN'T I HAVE SOME NICER CLOTHES SOMEWHERE?

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

WAS HE SERIOUS?

SO,
THIS ONE'S
1,200 YEN.

BUT THIS
OTHER
ONE'S ONLY
800?

What's
even
different
about
them?

HM? I'M IN
SHINJUKU
RIGHT NOW.

OH, THIS
IS BAD!

Sign: Suki Pharmacy

FWOOSH

LOST
MY PURSE
THERE THE
OTHER DAY.

FRIGGIN'
SUCKED SO
BAD--

**WHAT
COSMETICS
DO YOU
USE?!**



'SCUSE ME?

**SORRY,
TODAY'S MY
BIRTHDAY!**

**I'M TRYING
TO FRESHEN
UP FOR
TURNING
TWENTY,
AND I'M
SO CON-
FUSED!**

**AND HOW
COME YOU
SMELL SO
NICE?!**

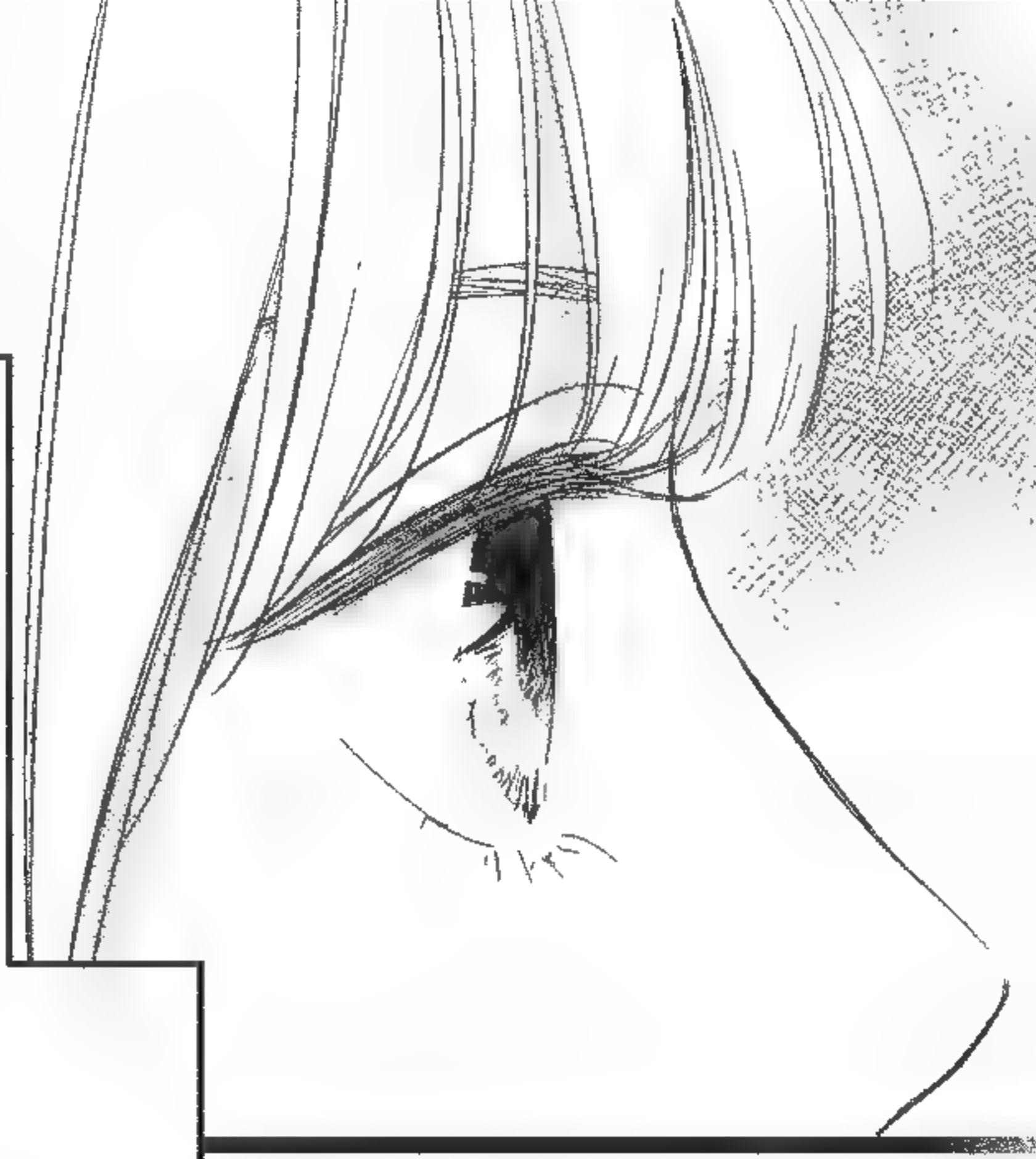
**OR SUCH
LUSCIOUS
SKIN?!**

**HOW'D
YOU GET
SUCH
LONG EYE-
LASHES?!**

WAIT--

Oops.





WHAT THE
HECK AM I
DOING?



IT'S MY
BIRTHDAY,
FOR CRYING
OUT LOUD.

UH,
EXCUSE
ME!



SORRY.

I
GUESS
YELLING
AT YOU
OUTTA
NOWHERE
WOULD
CREEP
YOU OUT,
YEAH...



IT'S GOT
STAYING
POWER--
IT WON'T
WEAR OFF
QUICKLY.

IT'S A DARK
COLOR THAT
LOOKS
NATURAL. A
SINGLE USE
WILL WORK.

MAKE
SURE TO
GET SOME
MAKEUP
REMOVER
TOO.

BUT IT
WON'T COME
OFF EASILY
EITHER,
DESPITE ITS
CLAIMS.

FOR
EYELASHES,
USE THIS.

Hair Care

THIS IS
JUST WHAT
I DESERVE
FOR
NEGLECTING
MY LOOKS
FOR SO
LONG!

THANK
YOU SO
MUCH!

ALSO--

FOR
PRIMER, I'D
RECOMMEND
A STORE
THAT SELLS
HIGHER-
QUALITY
BRANDS.

HAAAH!

?

?

But, uh...

CAN YOU, UH...
REPEAT THAT,
PLEASE?

WHAT'S
HER
DEAL?

TOSS
TOSS
TOSS
TOSS

MIMICRY
WON'T
DO JACK
FOR YOU.

WHATEVER.
DOESN'T
MATTER
IF YOU'RE
TRYING TO
CRAM IT ALL
IN ON THE
SPOT.



SO
UHHH,
YOU--

IS SHE
NICE, OR
IS SHE A
JERK?

HARUKA?



HUHH,
IT REALLY
IS YOU.

KUROTAKI-
SAN!

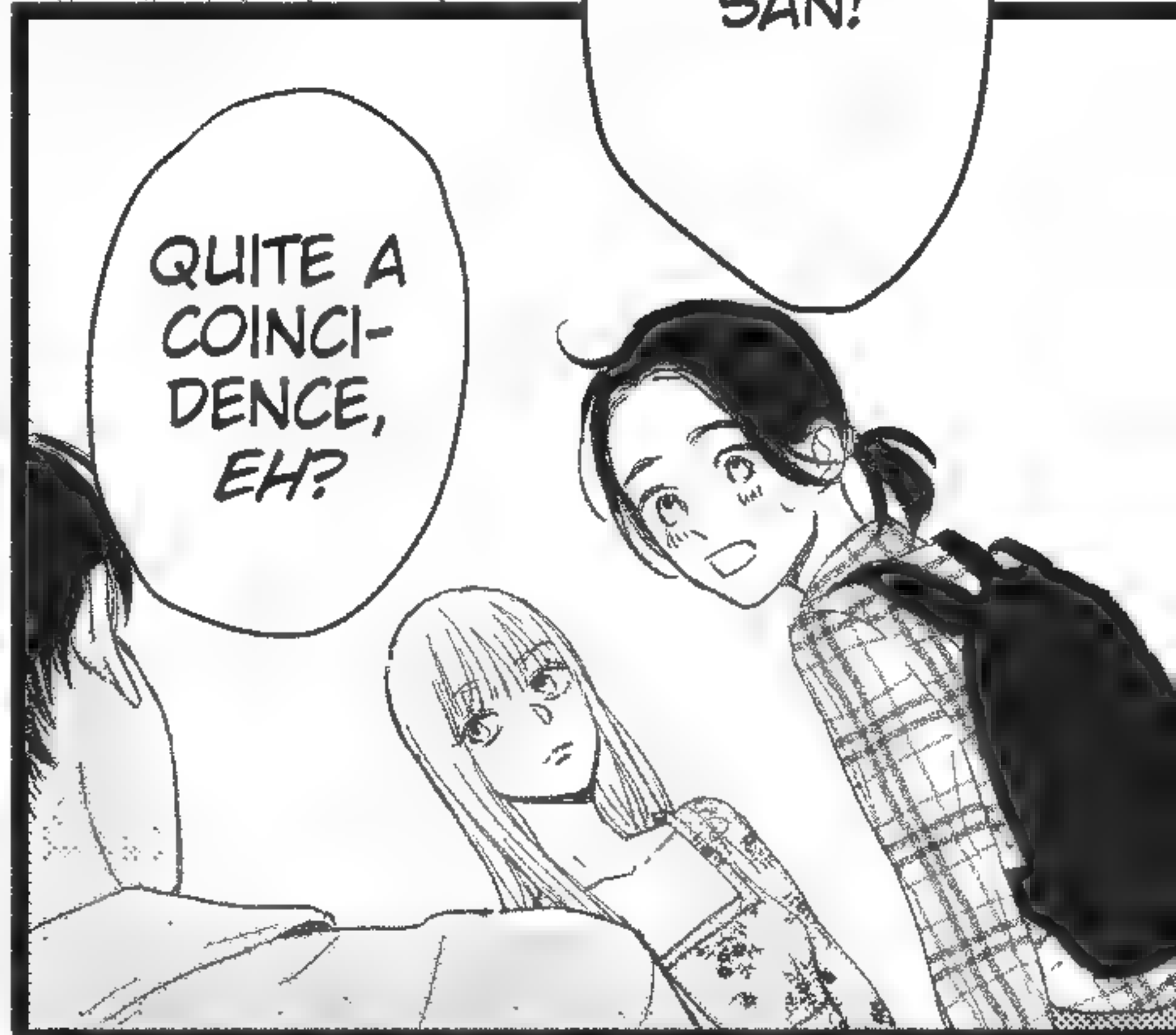


WHATCHA
UP TO,
HARUKA?

UHHH...

I GOTTA
FIGURE OUT
SOMETHING
BEFORE
NIGHT
FALLS!

WHY'D HE
HAVE TO
SEE ME
HERE,
OF ALL
PLACES?!



QUITE A
COINCI-
DENCE,
EH?

WAIT A
SEC.



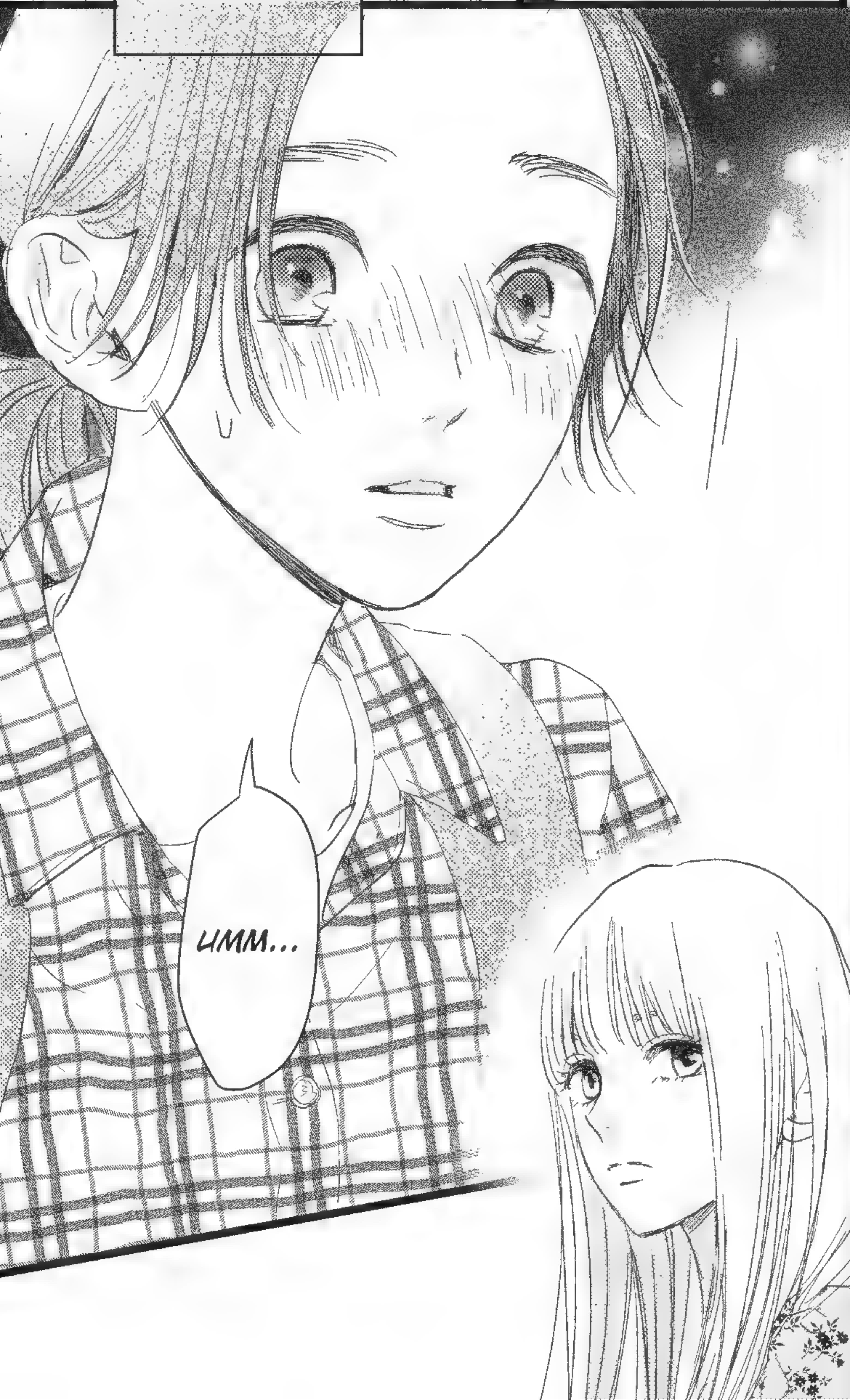
SO
WHAT'RE
YOU DOING
HERE IN
SHINJUKU?

YOU DON'T
HAVE A
SHIFT
TONIGHT,
RIGHT?

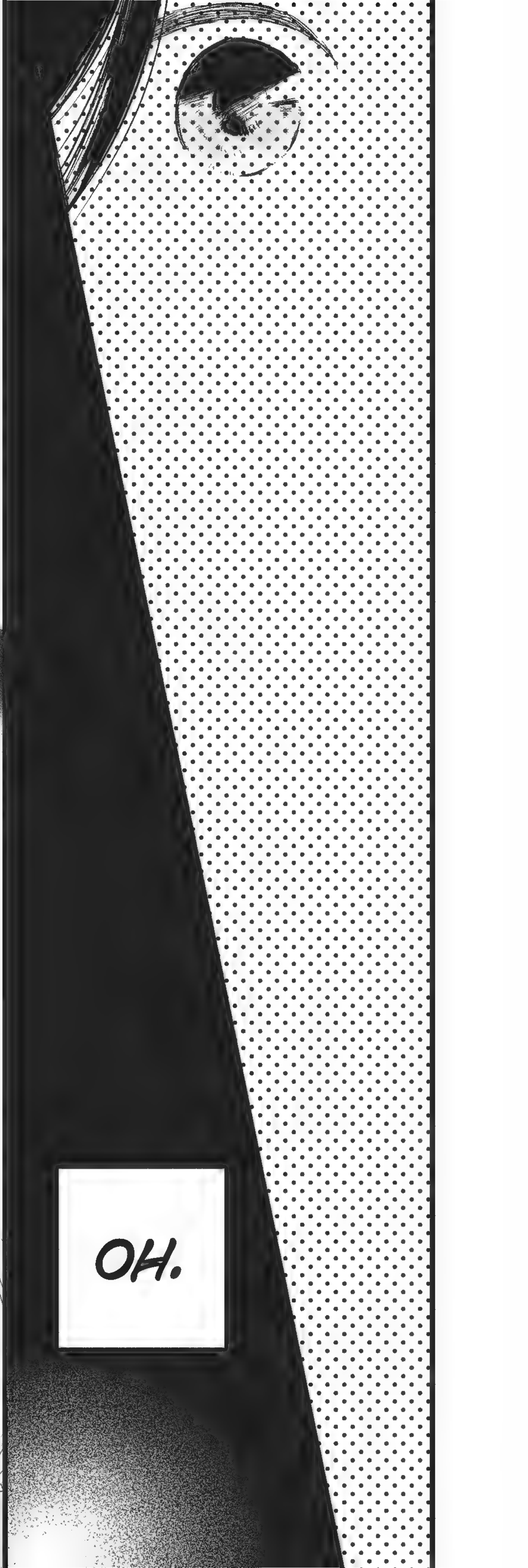


HE...

FORGOT.



UHH...



OH.

Later!

Aight,
see ya
around.

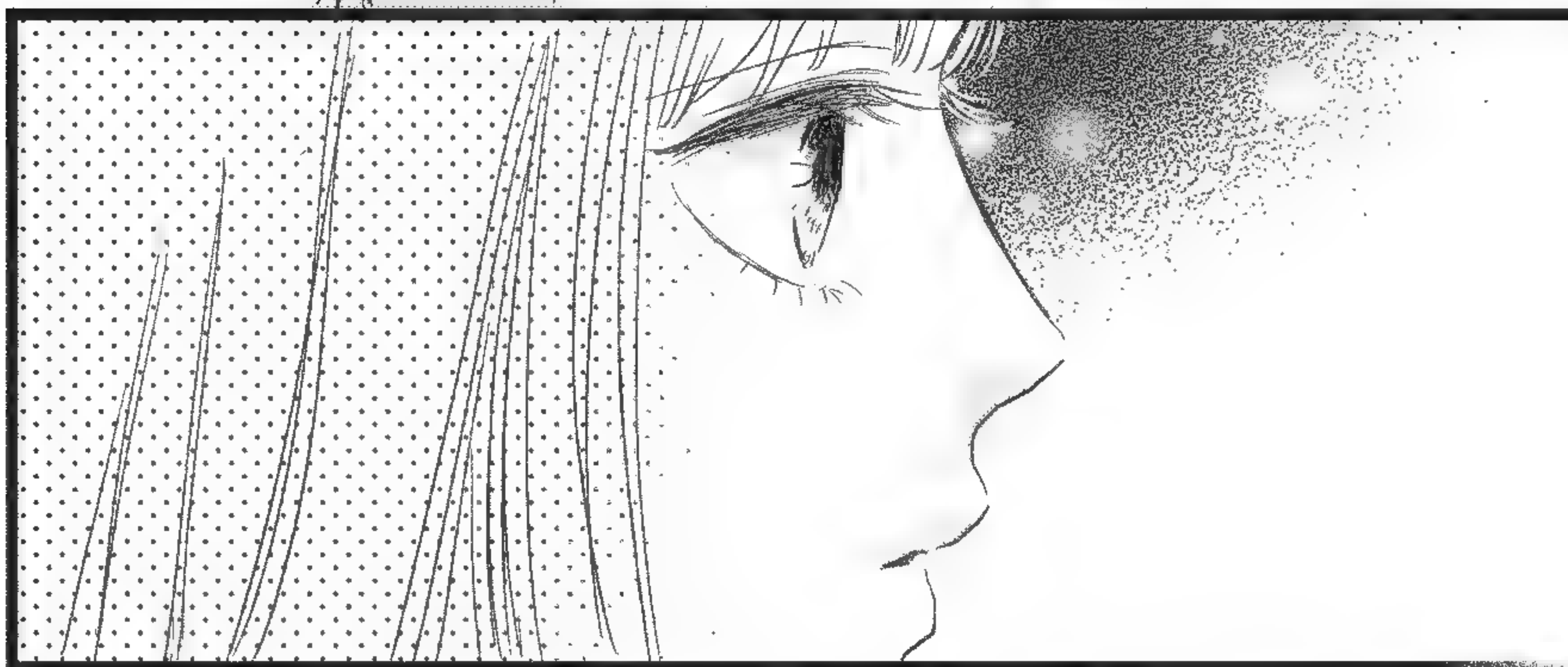
SURE.
THANK
YOU.

I'VE
GOT A
SHIFT
TONIGHT.
WANT ME
TO SEND
YOU A PIC
OF THE
SCHED-
ULE?

THAT'S
ALL?

JUST, UH,
WANTED TO
CONFIRM MY
SCHEDULE.

I mixed it
up a bit
last time,
and all



NOT
GONNA
BUY IT?

I DO HIGHLY
RECOMMEND
IT.





OF COURSE.
I KNEW
THAT...

HON-
ESTLY...

IT
WOULD'VE
BEEN
WEIRD IF
HE HAD
REMEM-
BERED.



I
SHOULDN'T
HAVE
EXPECTED
ANYTHING
TO--

WHAT'S
THERE TO
BE SAD
ABOUT?

BUT I
GOT MY
HOPES UP
ANYWAY.

HOW
STUPID
CAN I
BE?

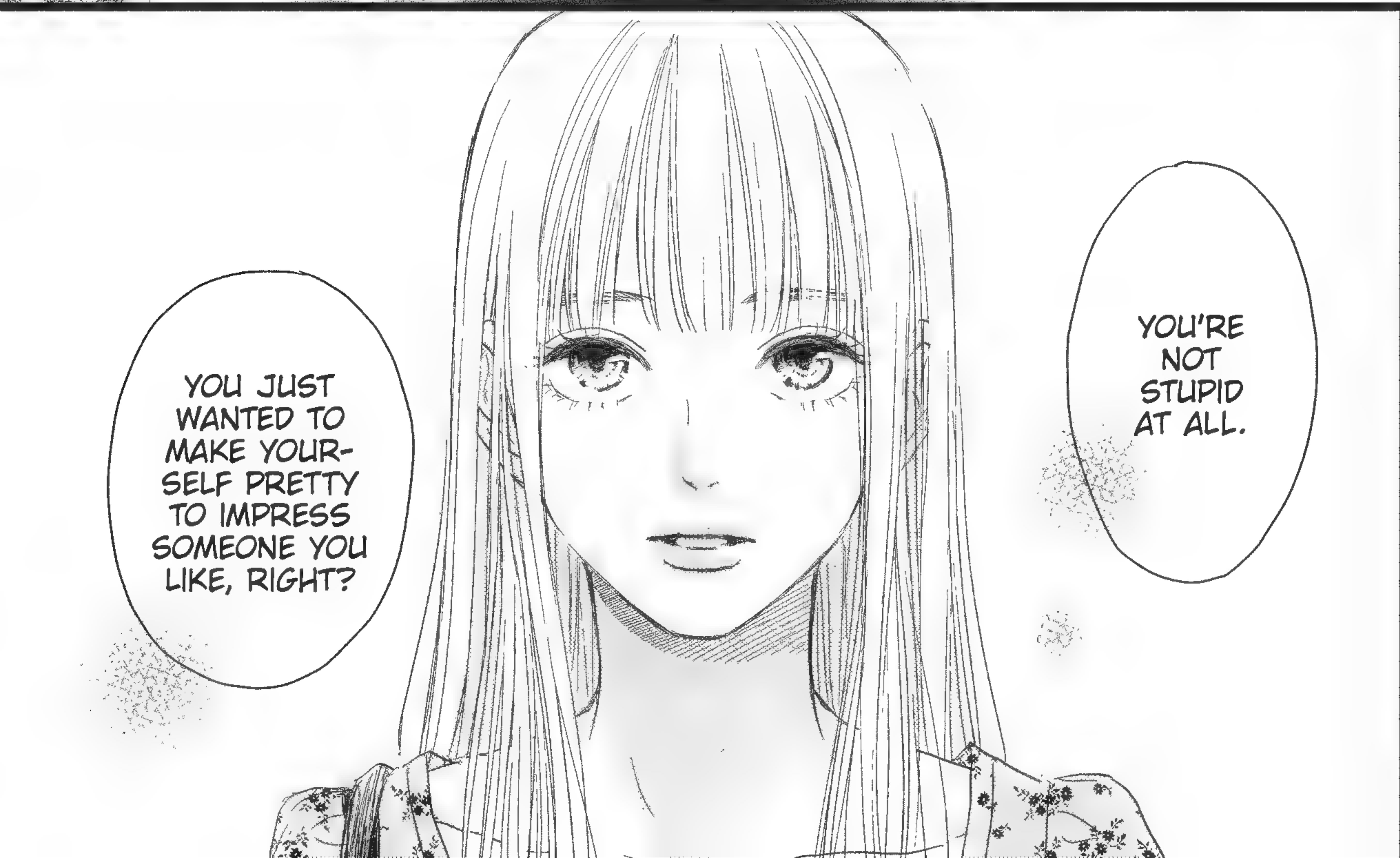


SORRY.
I DON'T
REALLY
NEED IT
ANYMORE.

I
THOUGHT
I HAD
PLANS FOR
TONIGHT...

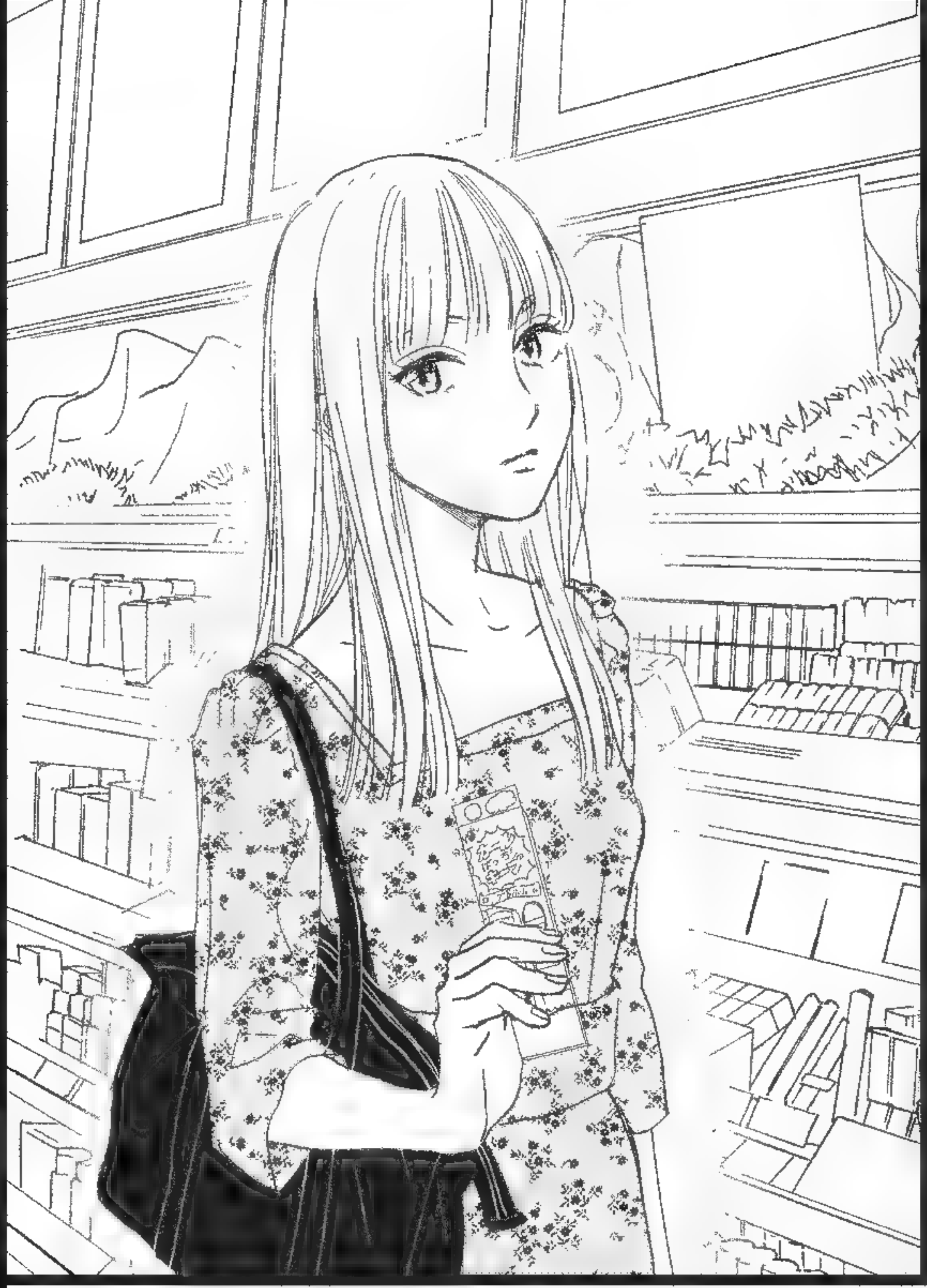
BUT I
GUESS I'M
THE ONLY
ONE WHO
THOUGHT
THAT.

Ah
ha
ha.

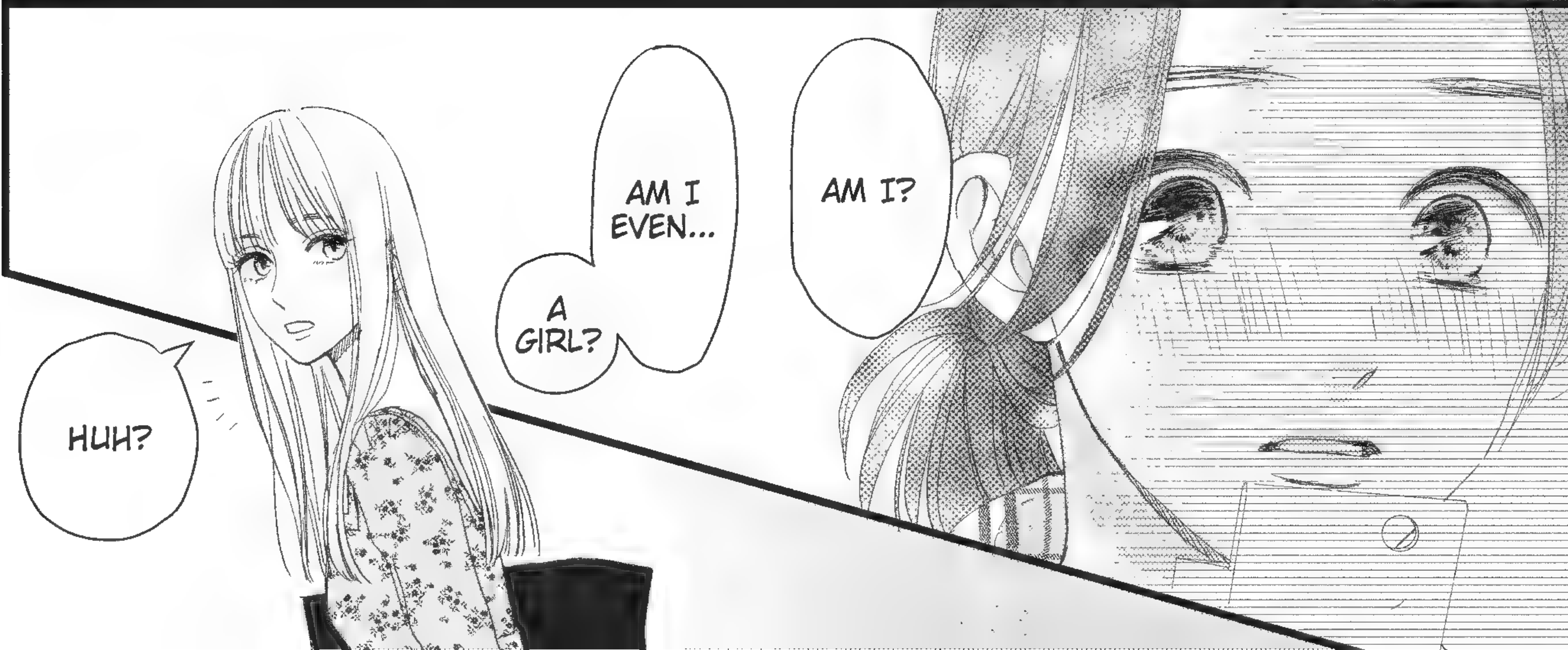
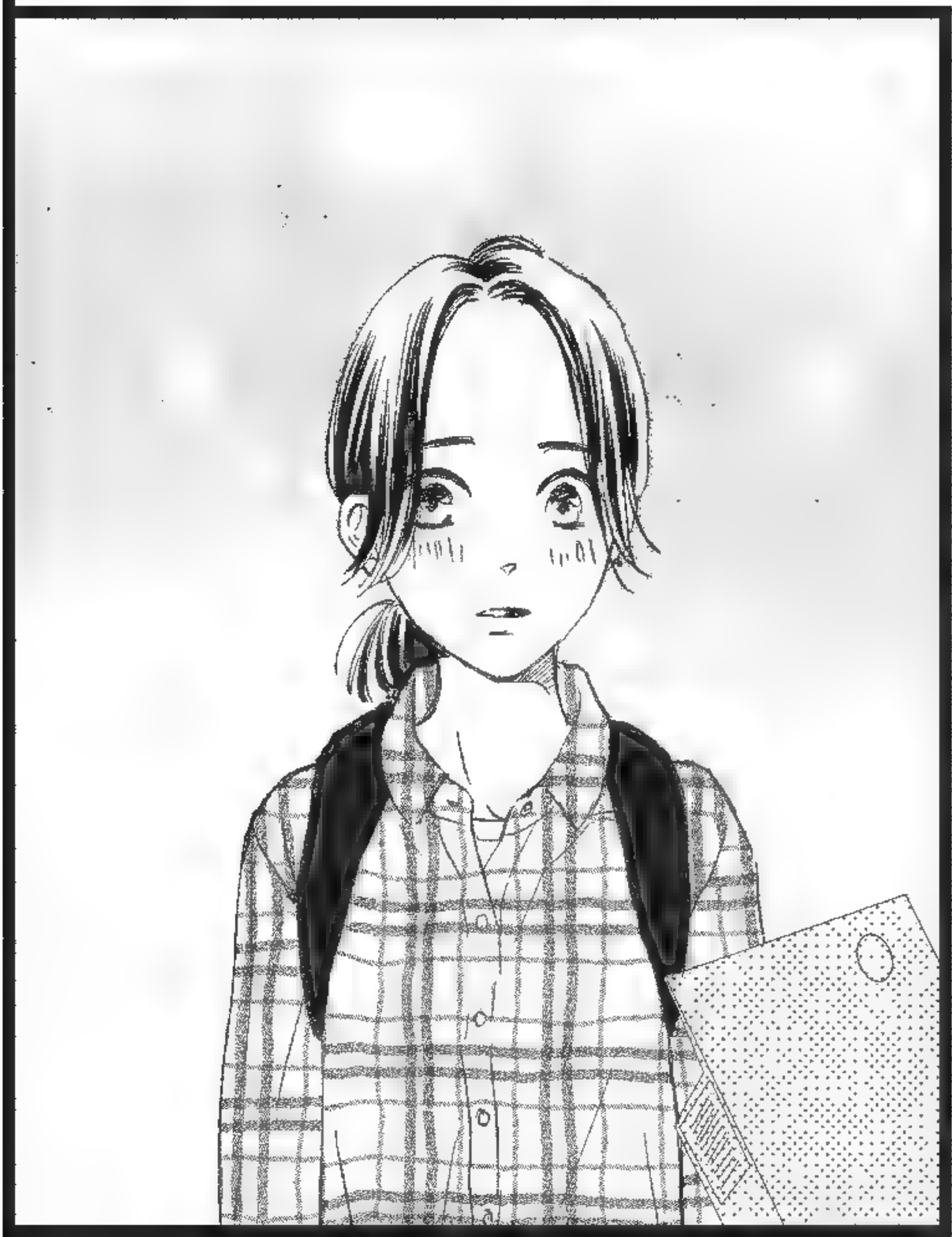


YOU JUST
WANTED TO
MAKE YOUR-
SELF PRETTY
TO IMPRESS
SOMEONE YOU
LIKE, RIGHT?

YOU'RE
NOT
STUPID
AT ALL.



THAT'S A
COMPLETELY
NORMAL
THING FOR
GIRLS.



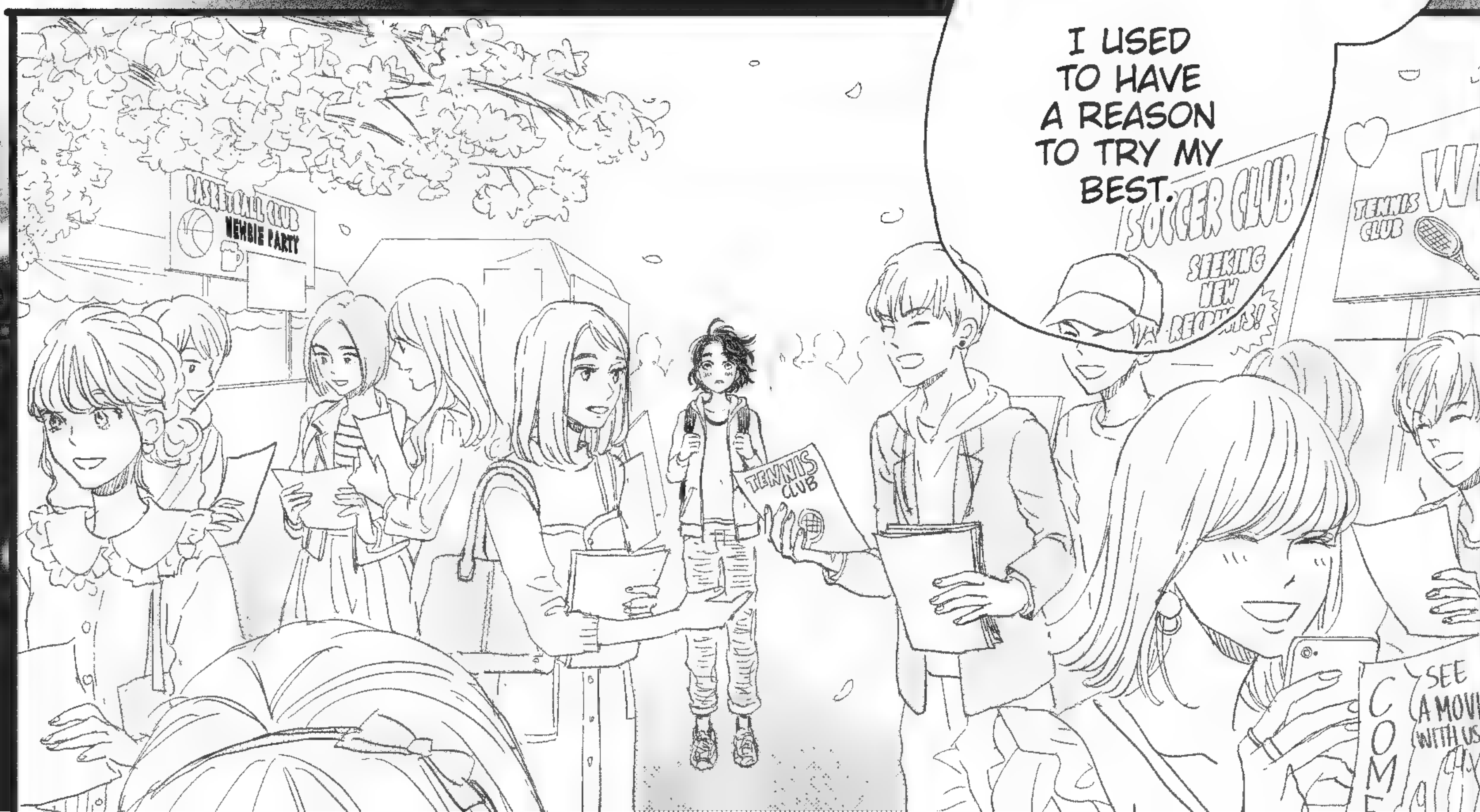
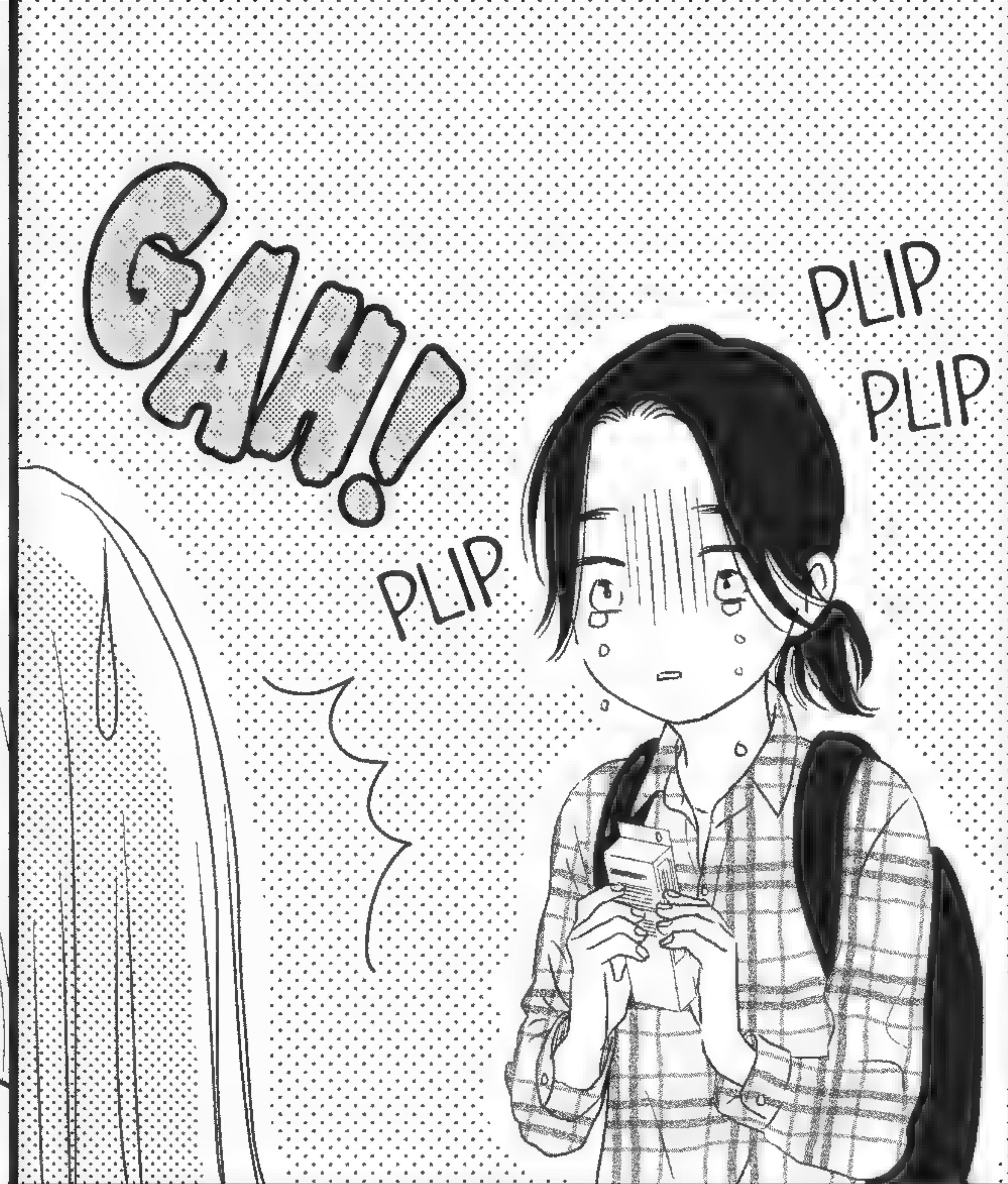
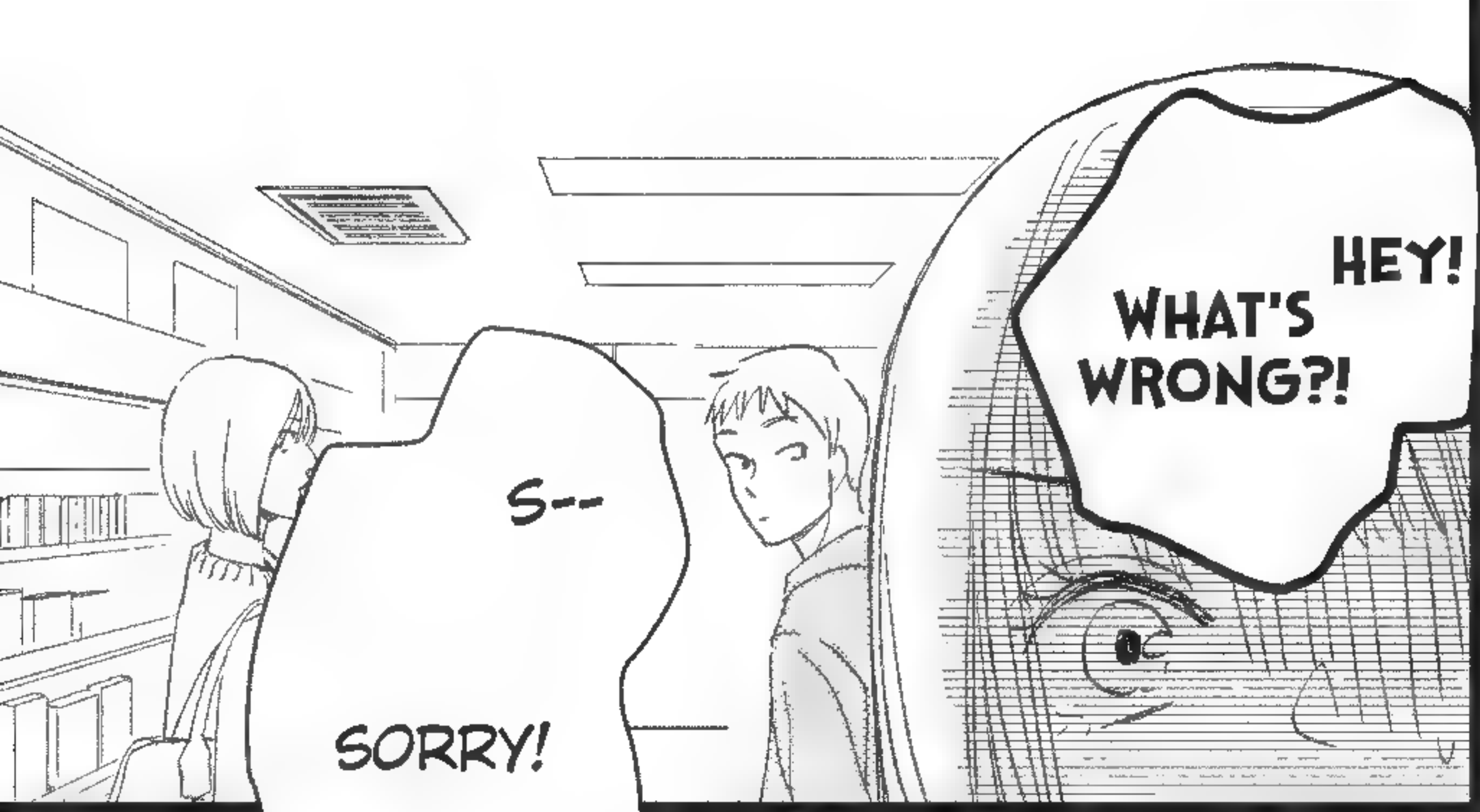
HUH?

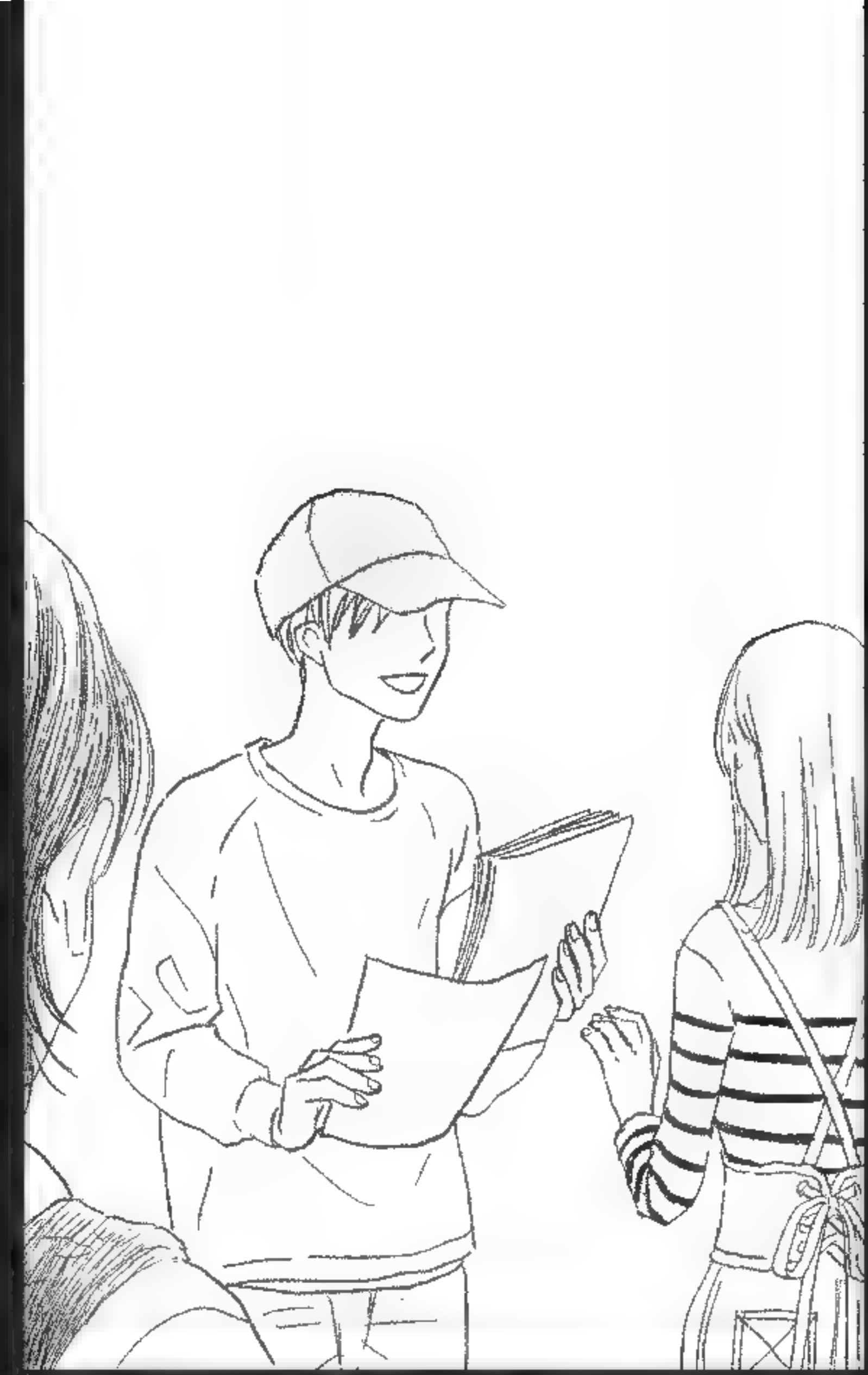
A
GIRL?

AM I
EVEN...

AM I?







ALL
I'VE EVER
WANTED...

WAS TO BE
THE KIND
OF GIRL
PEOPLE CALL
BEAUTIFUL.

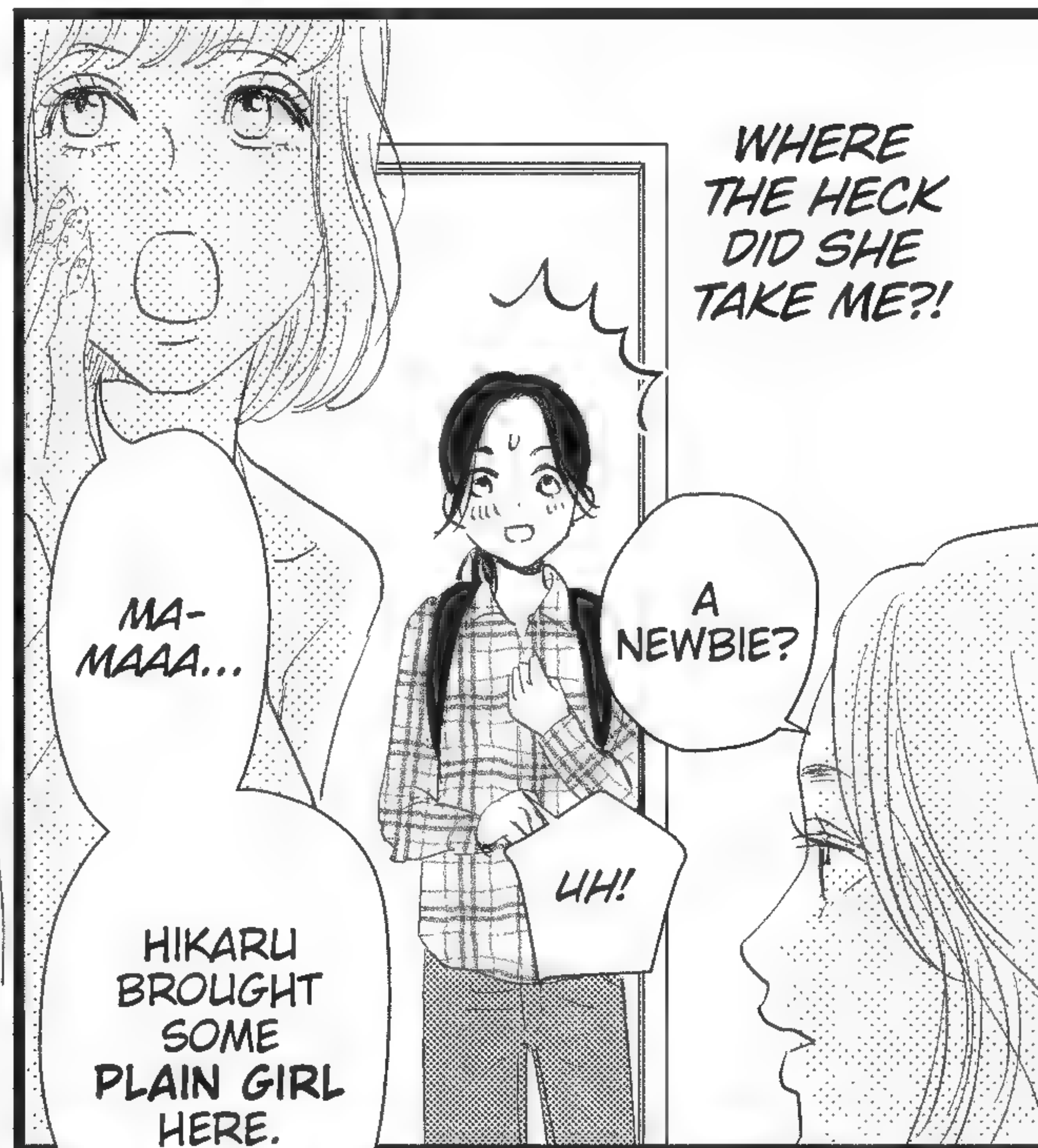
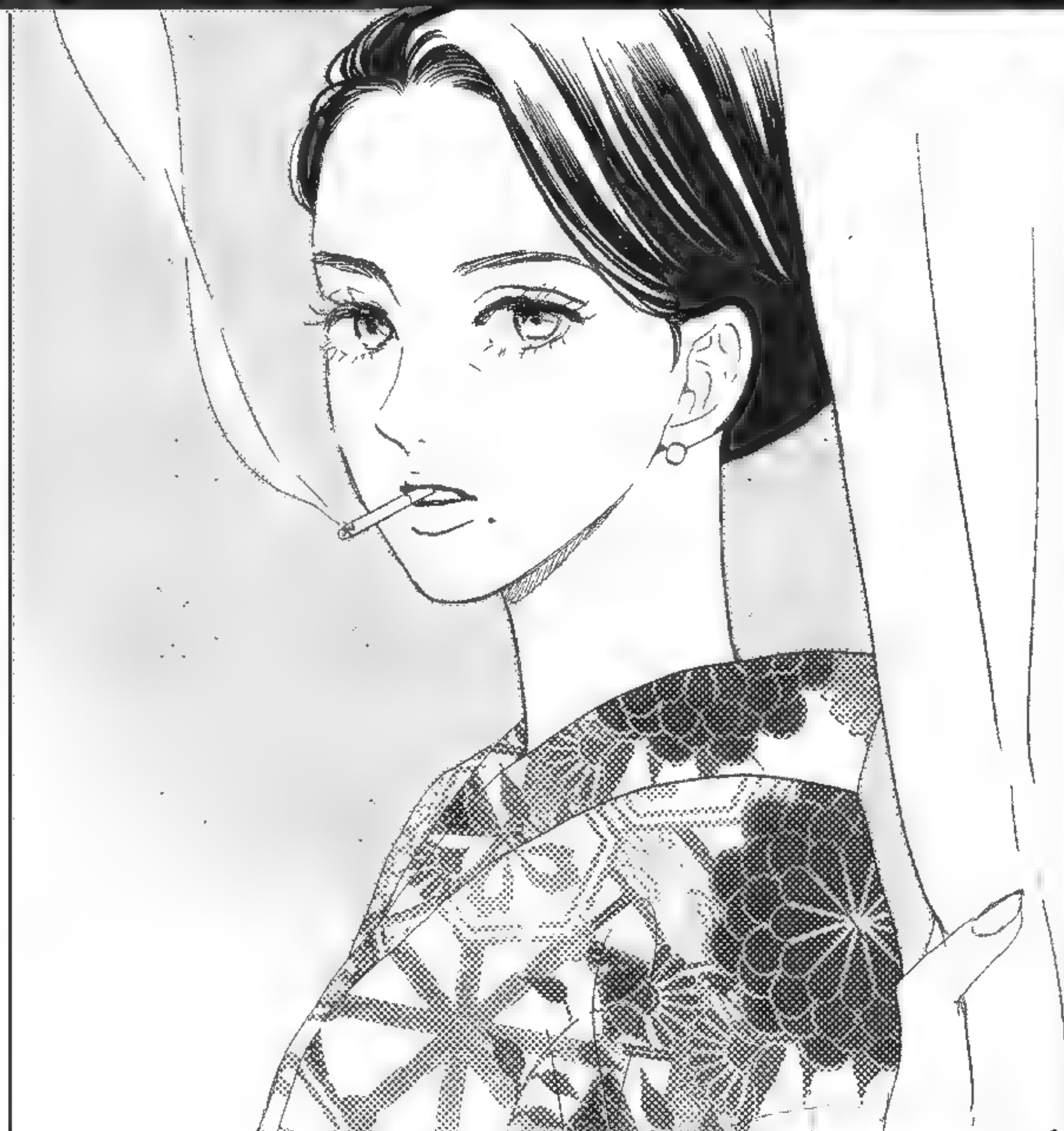
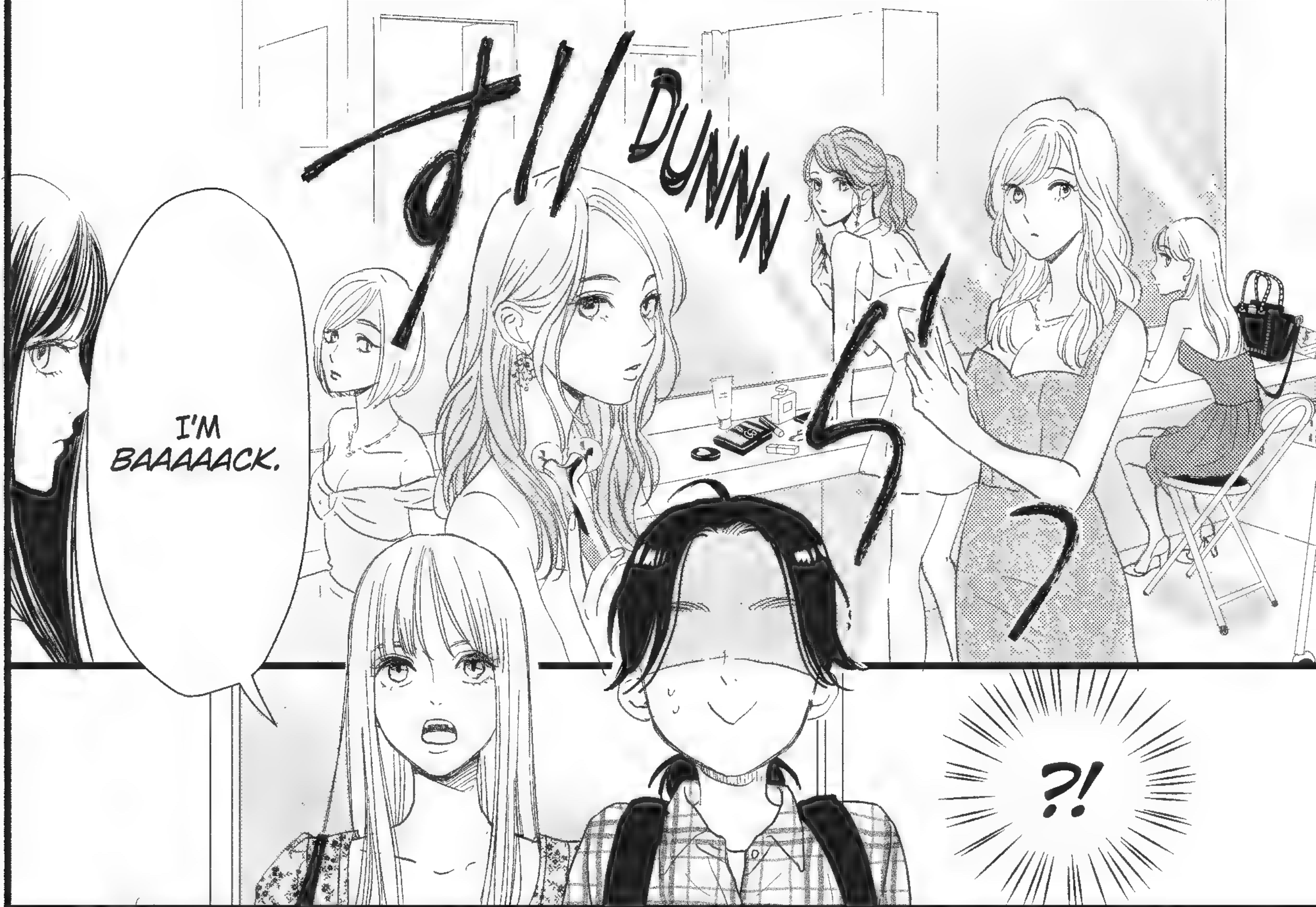
NOW MY
CONFIDENCE
IS SHOT.

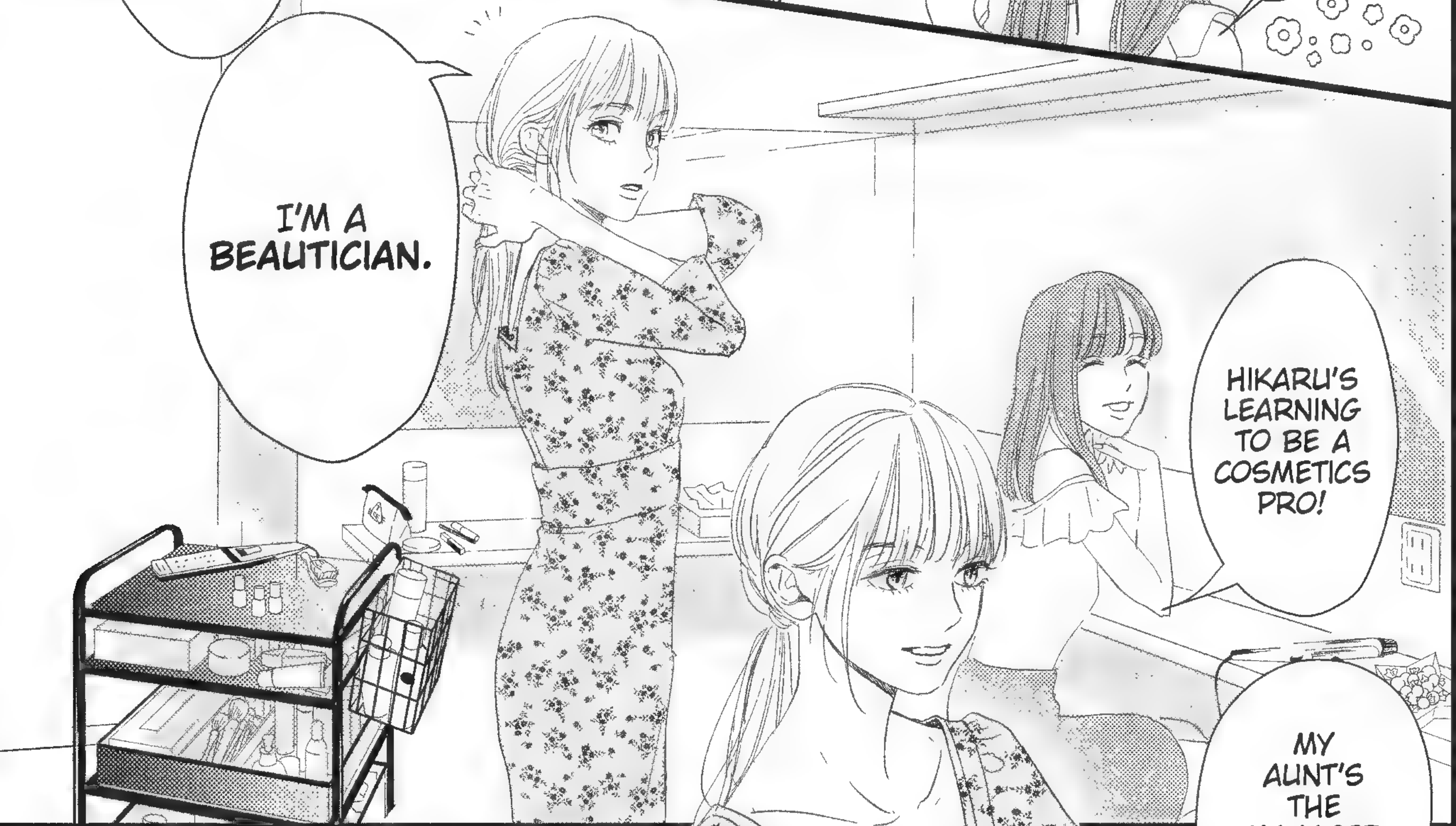
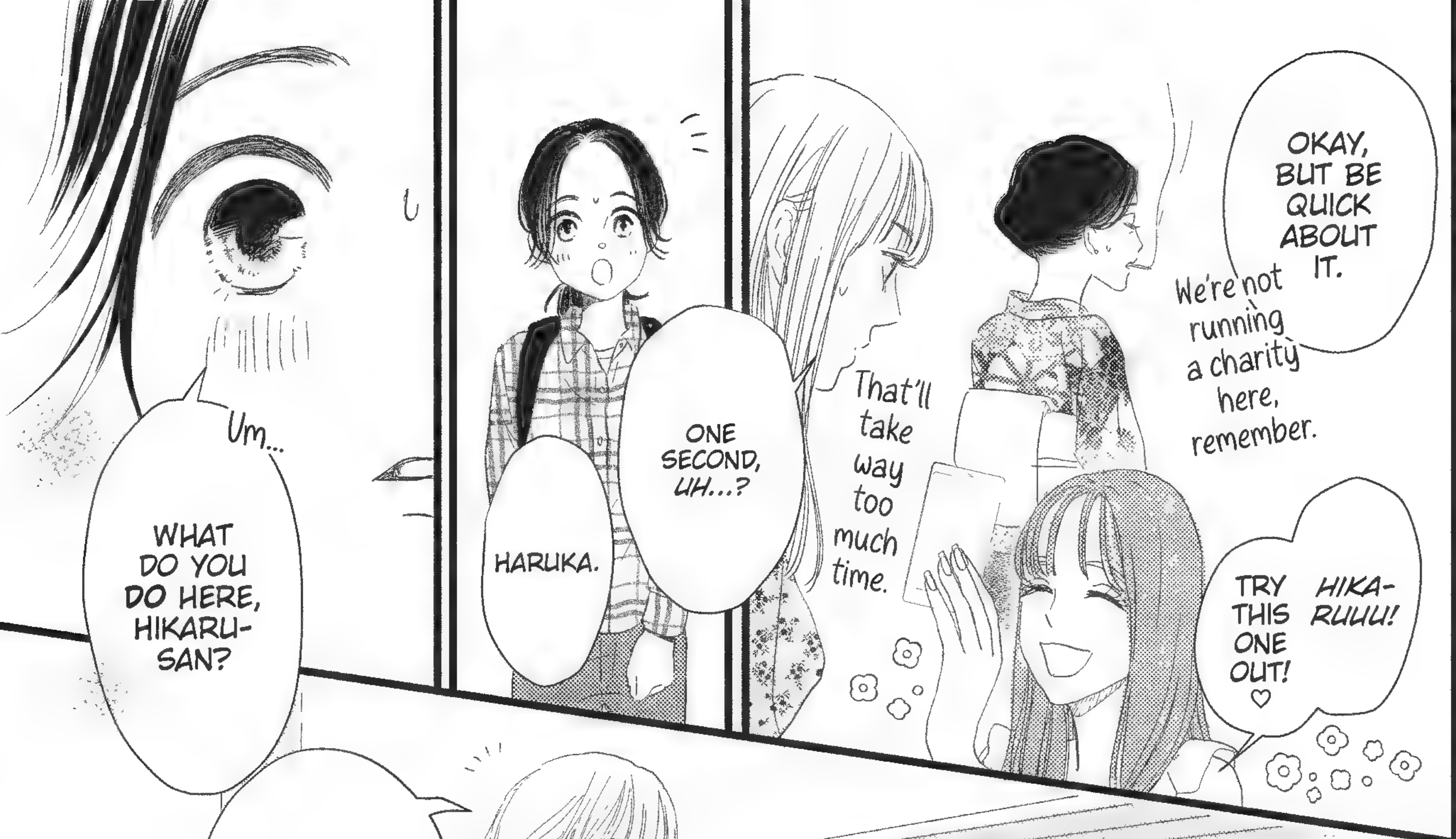
COME
WITH
ME.

WHA?

CLUB
Mai
CLUB
Hana
La
Be
ne
S
J
4F
T

JU
MON
RIKKAN







What do you wanna...

OH, D-DON'T MIND ME!



HUH?!

NOW...

LISTEN UP, YOU.



BA-BUMM

IT'S YOUR OWN RESPONSIBILITY NOT TO BE SO FREAKIN' UGLY AFTER YOU TURN TWENTY!



WHA...

THERE'S NOTHING APPEALING ABOUT SELF-DEPRECATATION.



IN MY OPINION.

CRUSHED

CRUSHED

OOH, THERE'S THAT HIKARU VENOM!

So harsh!

I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR LOOKS.

DON'T GET ME WRONG.



BA-DUMP
と!!
きゅん

THAT THE
WORDS OF
OTHERS
WON'T MEAN
ANYTHING.

ONE SO
POWER-
FUL...

A SPELL
THAT'LL FILL
YOU WITH
CONFIDENCE.

I'M GOING
TO CAST A
SPELL ON
YOU.





KUROTAKI-SAN!



WHAT YOU
DO AFTER
IT'S CAST
IS UP TO
YOU.

HOW-
EVER...



MY VERY
OWN SPECIAL
INCANTATION.





H-HEY
THERE.

HARUKA...?



DIDN'T
KNOW YOU
COULD EVEN
LOOK LIKE
THAT.

THIS
IS THE
VERY
FIRST
TIME...

KINDA,
YEAH.

Oh, for--
It's better
than that
nasty
shirt!

I am not
putting
on that
miniskirt!
No way!

Clothes
bor-
rowed
from
the
shop.

YOU
JUST
COME
FROM A
WED-
DING?

Or
what?

GOTTA
SAY, I'M
SHOCKED.

YOU'RE
REAL CUTE
TONIGHT.



"MY VERY
OWN
SPECIAL
INCANTA-
TION."

THANK
YOU,
HIKARU-
SAN.

IS
ENOUGH
TO BRING
ME TO
HAPPY
TEARS.

THAT
ALONE...

THAT ANY
MAN HAS
EVER SAID
I WAS
CLUTE.



"WHAT YOU
DO AFTER
IT'S CAST IS
UP TO YOU."

HEADED
HOME?



CLENCH



WAITING
FOR YOU.

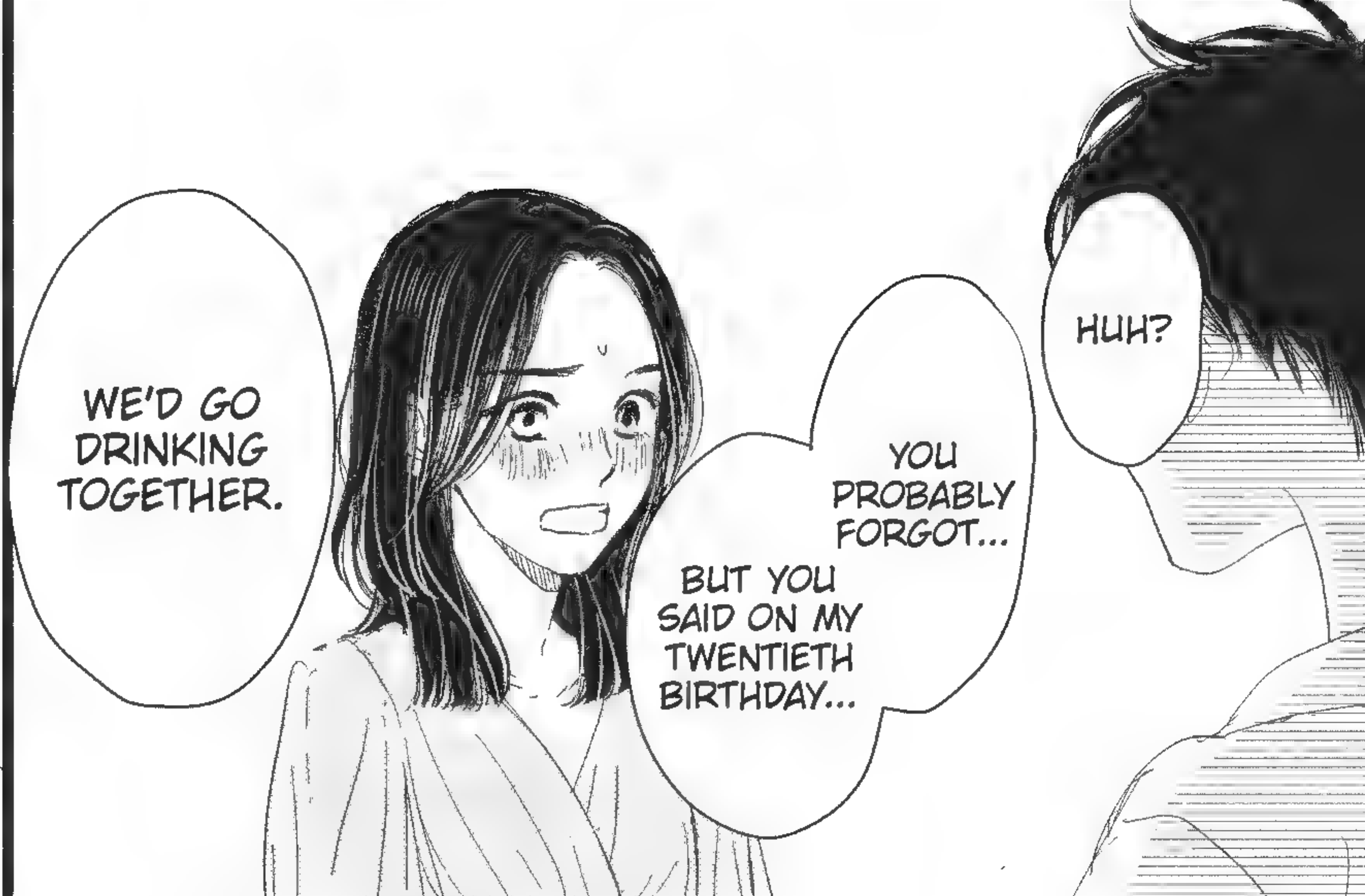
I'VE
BEEN
WAITING.

NO.



OH,
SERI-
OUSLY?

SERI-
OUSLY.



WE'D GO
DRINKING
TOGETHER.

BUT YOU
SAID ON MY
TWENTIETH
BIRTHDAY...

YOU
PROBABLY
FORGOT...

HUH?

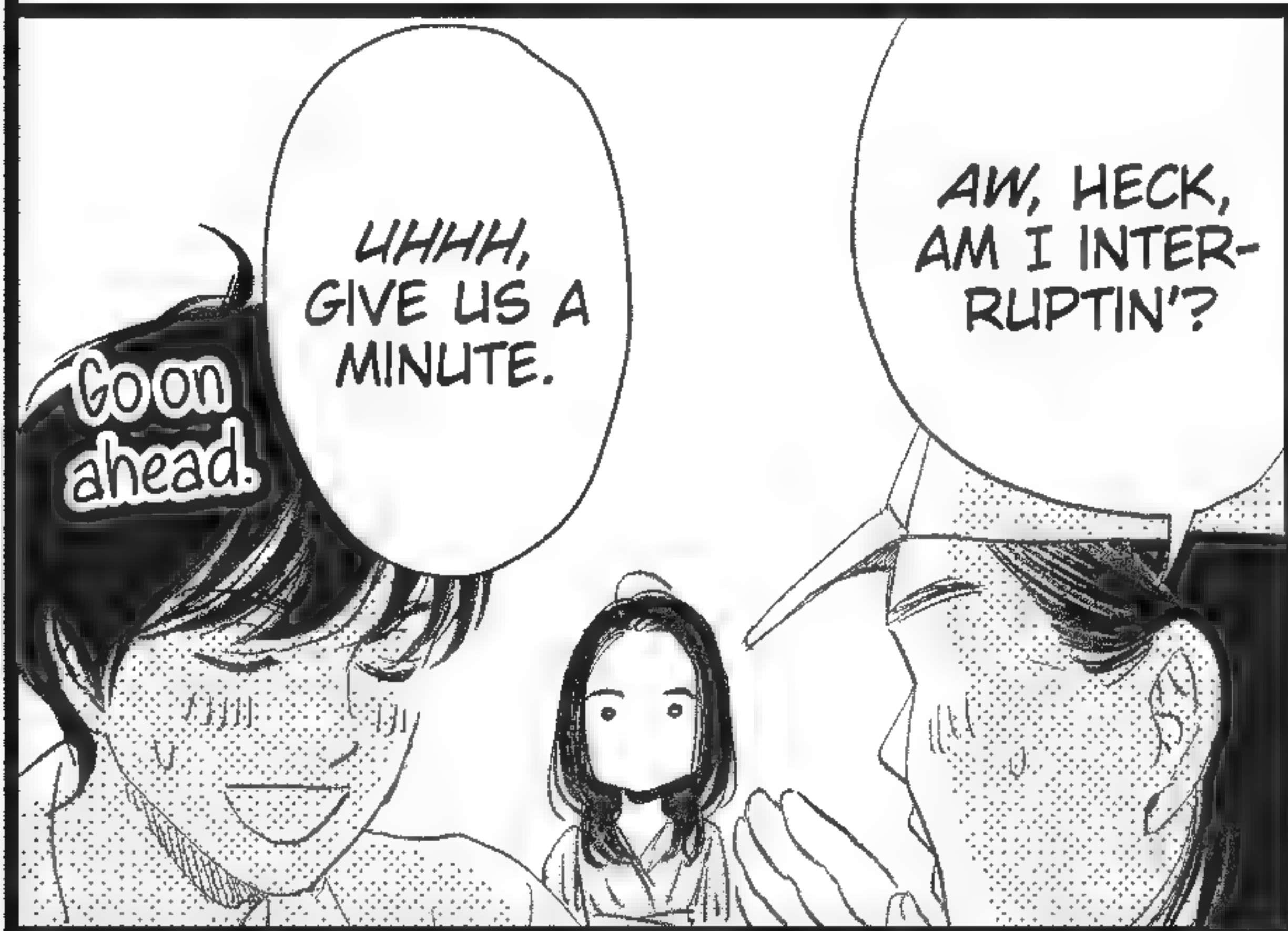


AND I...

I WAS
REALLY
LOOKING
FORWARD
TO IT.

ALSO...

YO,
KURO-
TAKI!



Go on
ahead.

UHHH,
GIVE US A
MINUTE.

AW, HECK,
AM I INTER-
RUPTIN'?



WE GOT
A RES-
ERVATION
WAITIN'
FOR--



I'M
REALLY,
REALLY
SORRY!

SORRY!

IT'S
MY OWN
FAULT
FOR FOR-
GETTING,
SO...

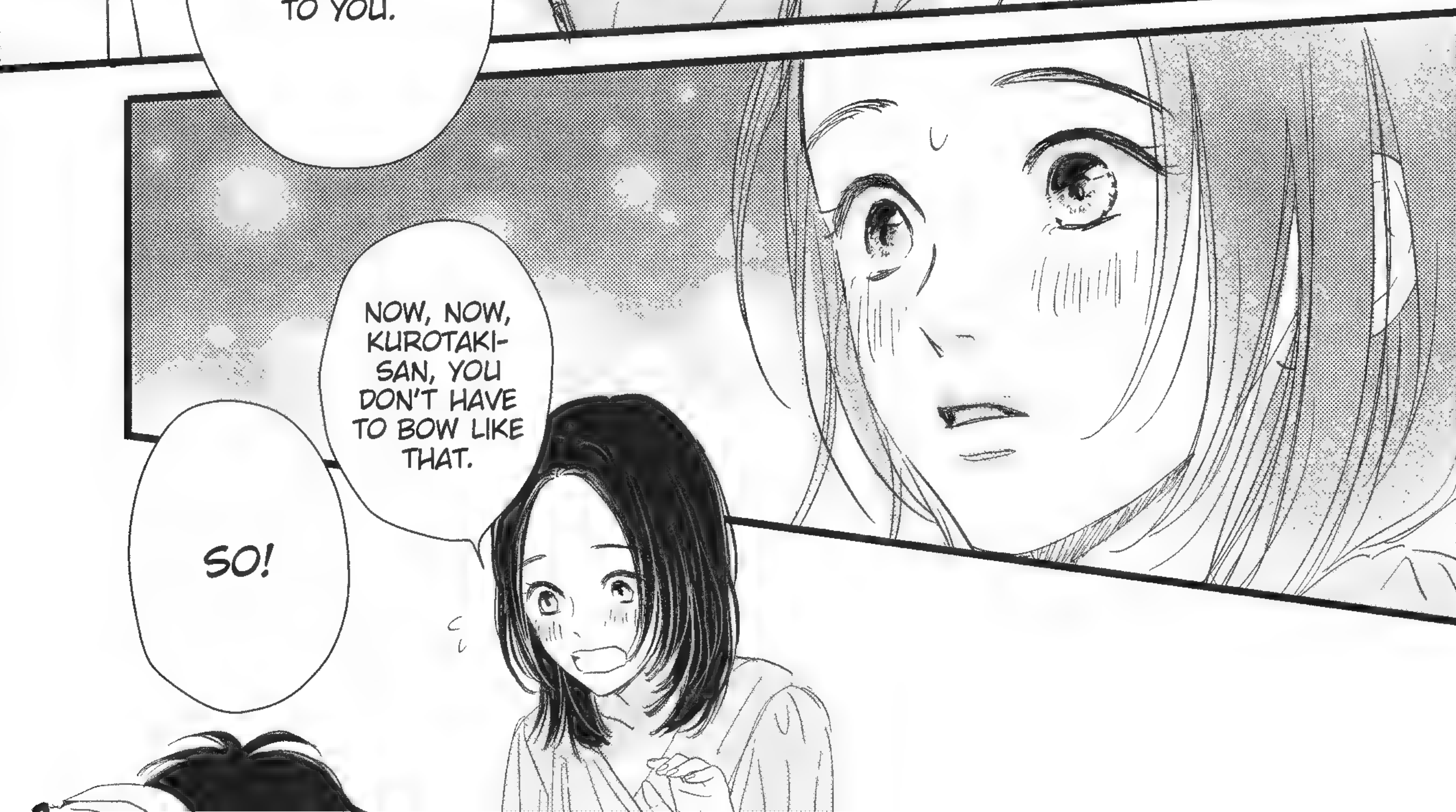
WELP.
GUESS
I'M THE
BIGGEST
JERK IN
TOWN.



I REALLY
WANT TO
MAKE IT UP
TO YOU.

SOME
OTHER
TIME...

SO, UH.



NOW, NOW,
KUROTAKI-
SAN, YOU
DON'T HAVE
TO BOW LIKE
THAT.

SO!

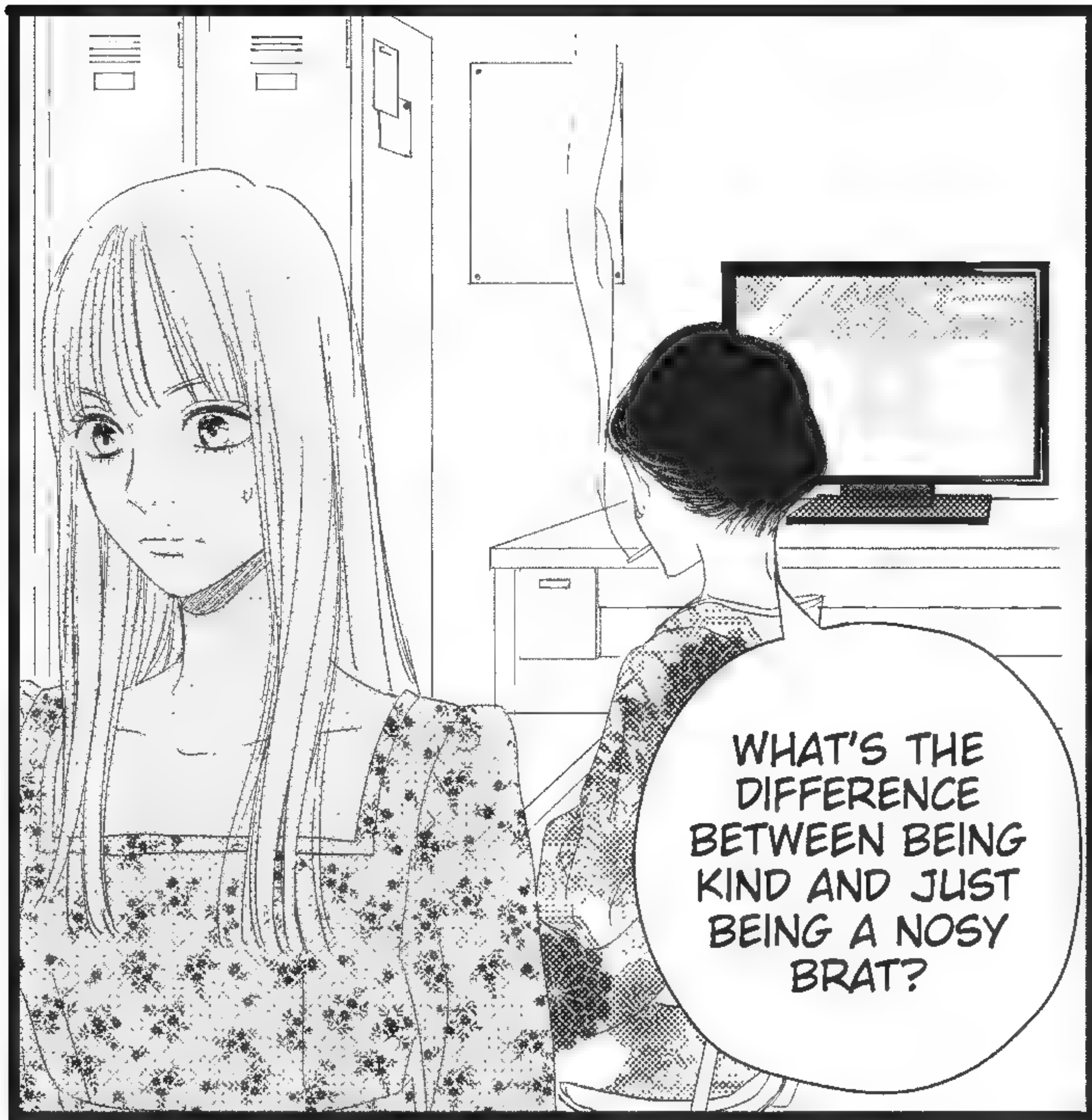


HOW
ABOUT
INSTEAD
OF GOING
OUT FOR A
DRINK...

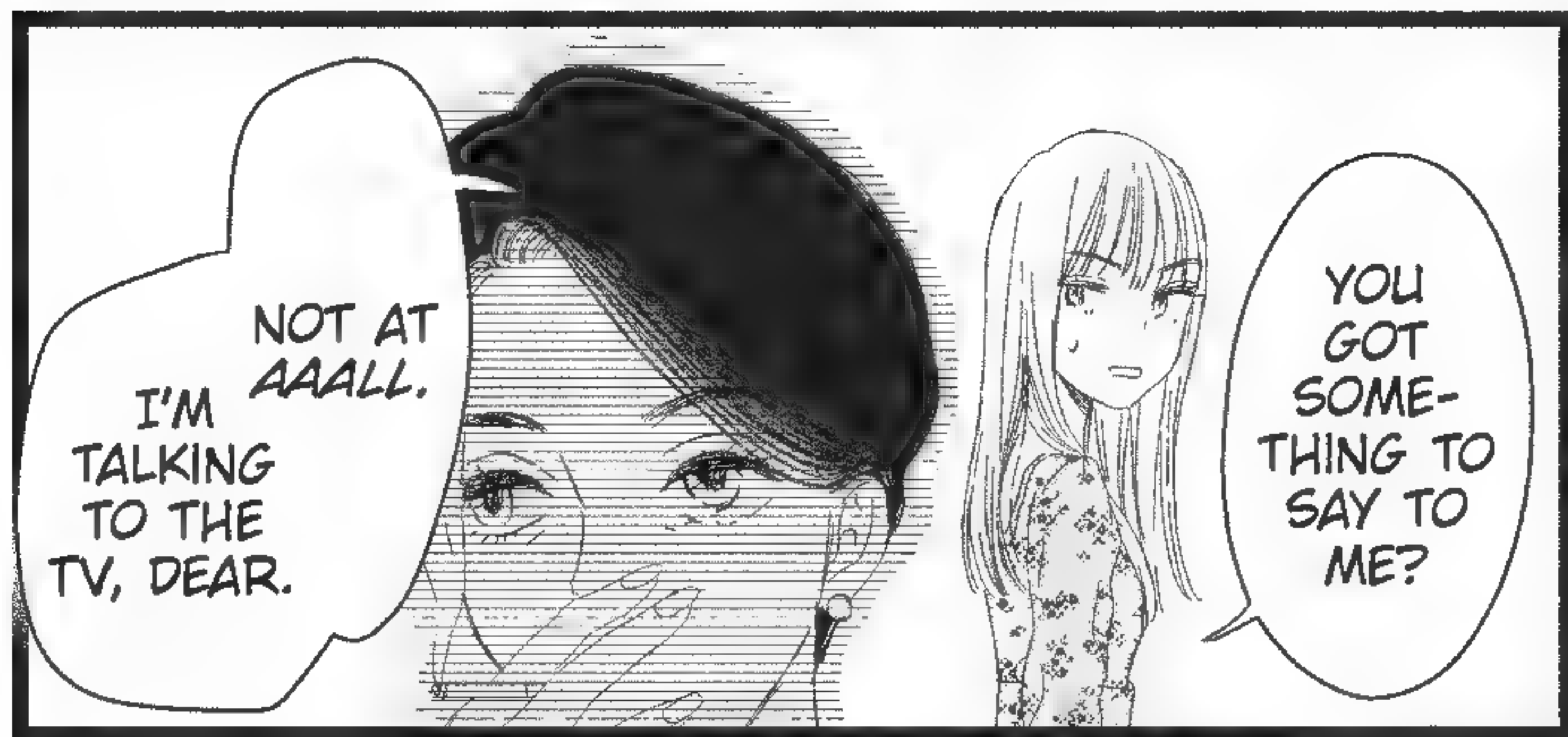


WE GO
ON A
DATE?





WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BEING KIND AND JUST BEING A NOSY BRAT?



NOT AT ALL.
I'M TALKING TO THE TV, DEAR.

YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY TO ME?



INSULTING A WOMAN OVER HER AGE? HOW PASSÉ.

Especially for a young'un.

IF YOU'RE TALKING TO THE TV, AUNTIE, YOU'VE BECOME A HAG.

KA-CHAK

THANK YOU SO, SO MUCH!

HIKARU-SAN!



YES!



YOU NEED TO TAKE PROPER CARE OF THEM.

DON'T ADOPT THEM IF YOU CAN'T MANAGE THAT.

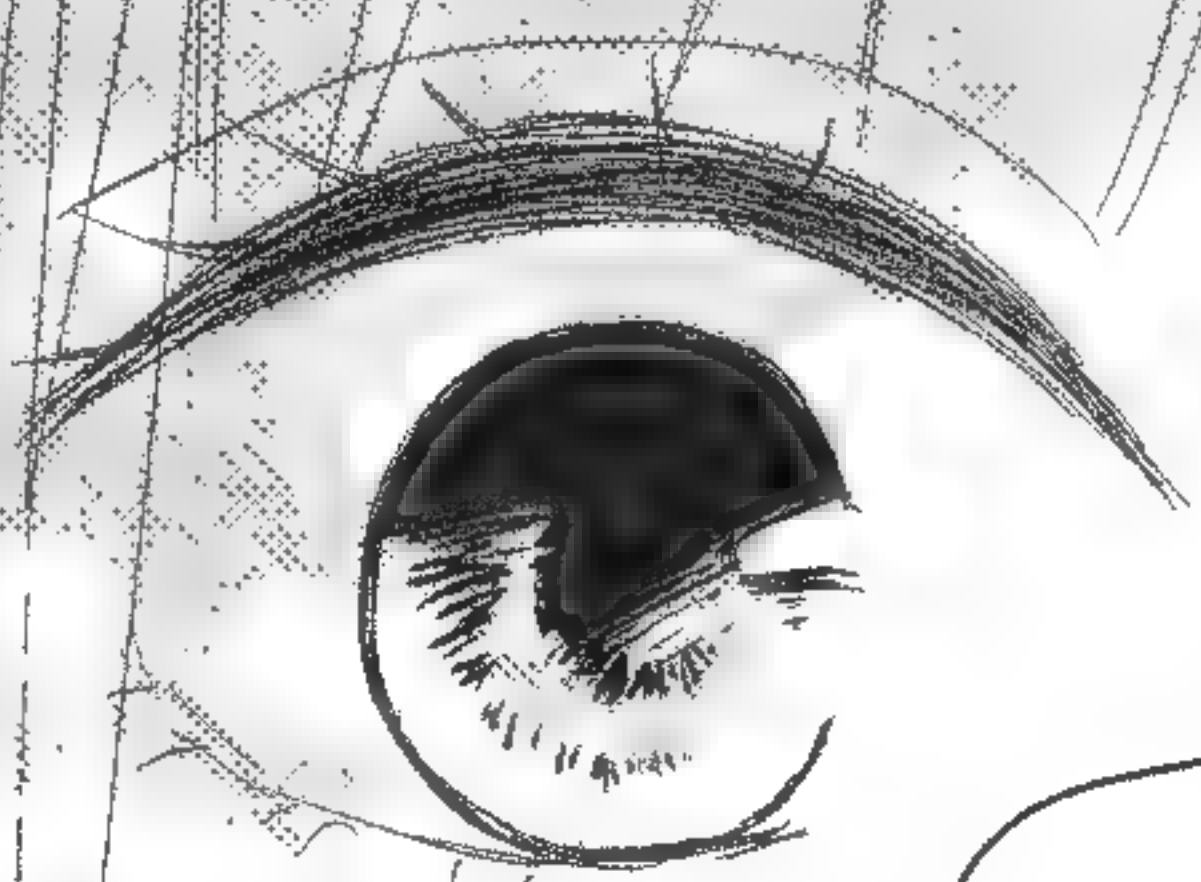


I WANT TO
BE MORE
CONFIDENT
IN MYSELF.



AND BE
BRAVE
ENOUGH...

TO BE
MYSELF IN
FRONT OF
THE MAN I
LIKE.



SO,
UMMM.

I GOTTA
ASK.

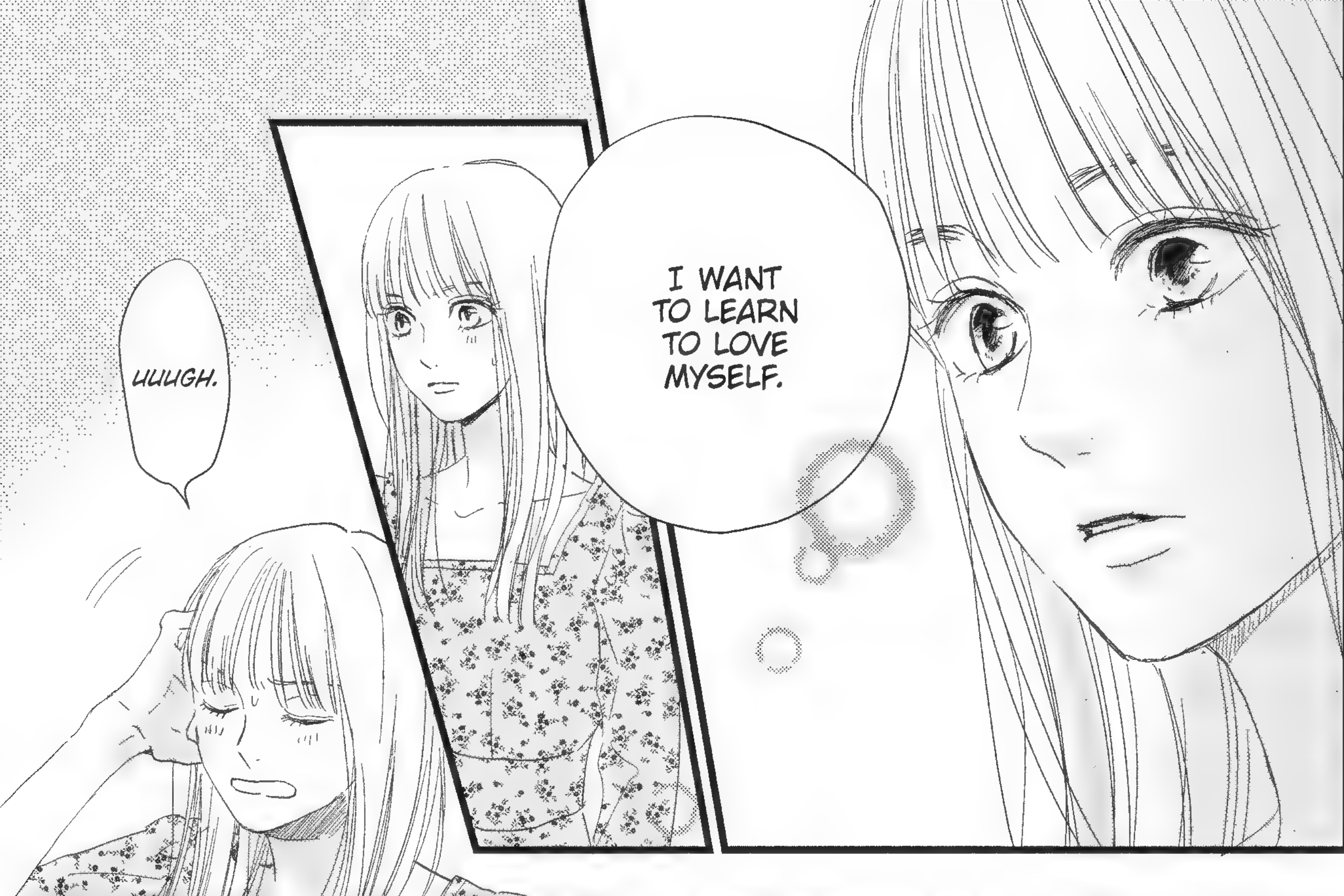
OH, COME
ON, AFTER
EVERYTHING
I DID...

I'm not
running a
charity,
you know.



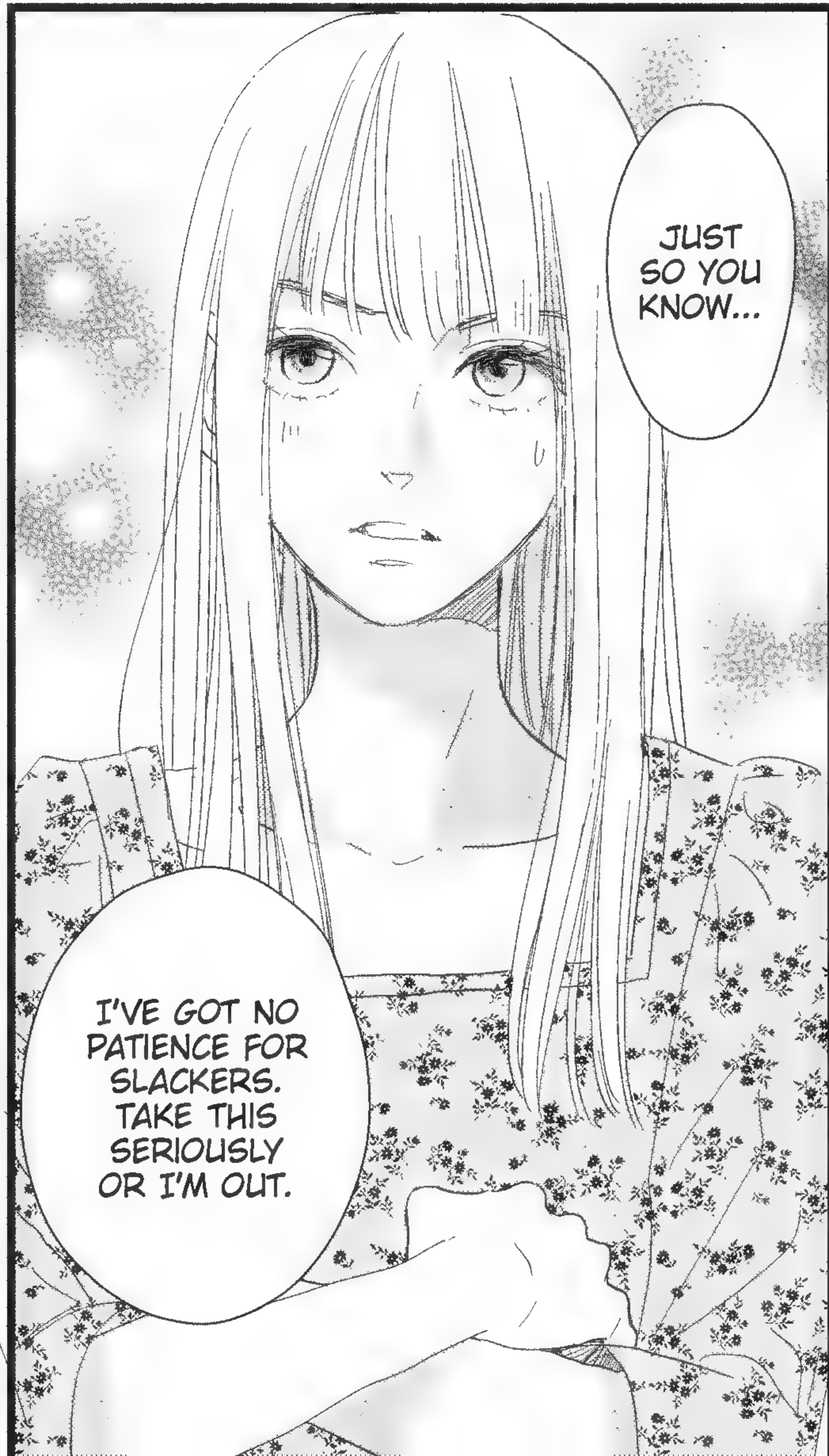
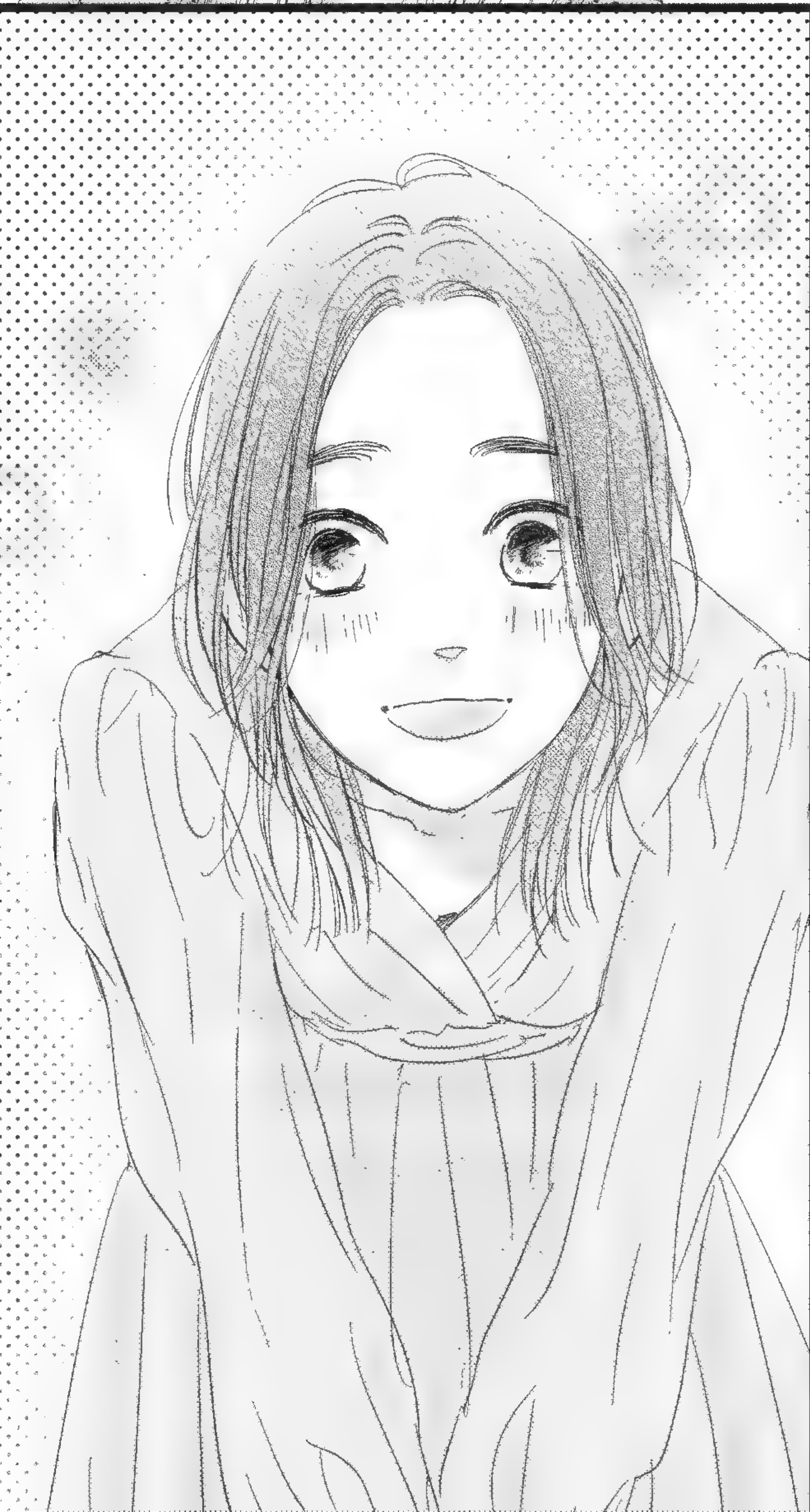
COULD
YOU TEACH
ME YOUR
MAGIC?!





UUUGH.

I WANT
TO LEARN
TO LOVE
MYSELF.



JUST
SO YOU
KNOW...

I'VE GOT NO
PATIENCE FOR
SLACKERS.
TAKE THIS
SERIOUSLY
OR I'M OUT.

AND
YOU'RE
PRETTY
DAMN
RUDE,
YOUR-
SELF!

DENIED.

HEY!

YAAAAAY!
YOU'RE
ACTUALLY
PRETTY NICE,
HIKARU-
SAN!

AND YOU'RE
TOO DAMN
FORWARD!

Hey!
Hey!
LET'S
FRIEND EACH
OTHER ON
SOCIAL
MEDIA!

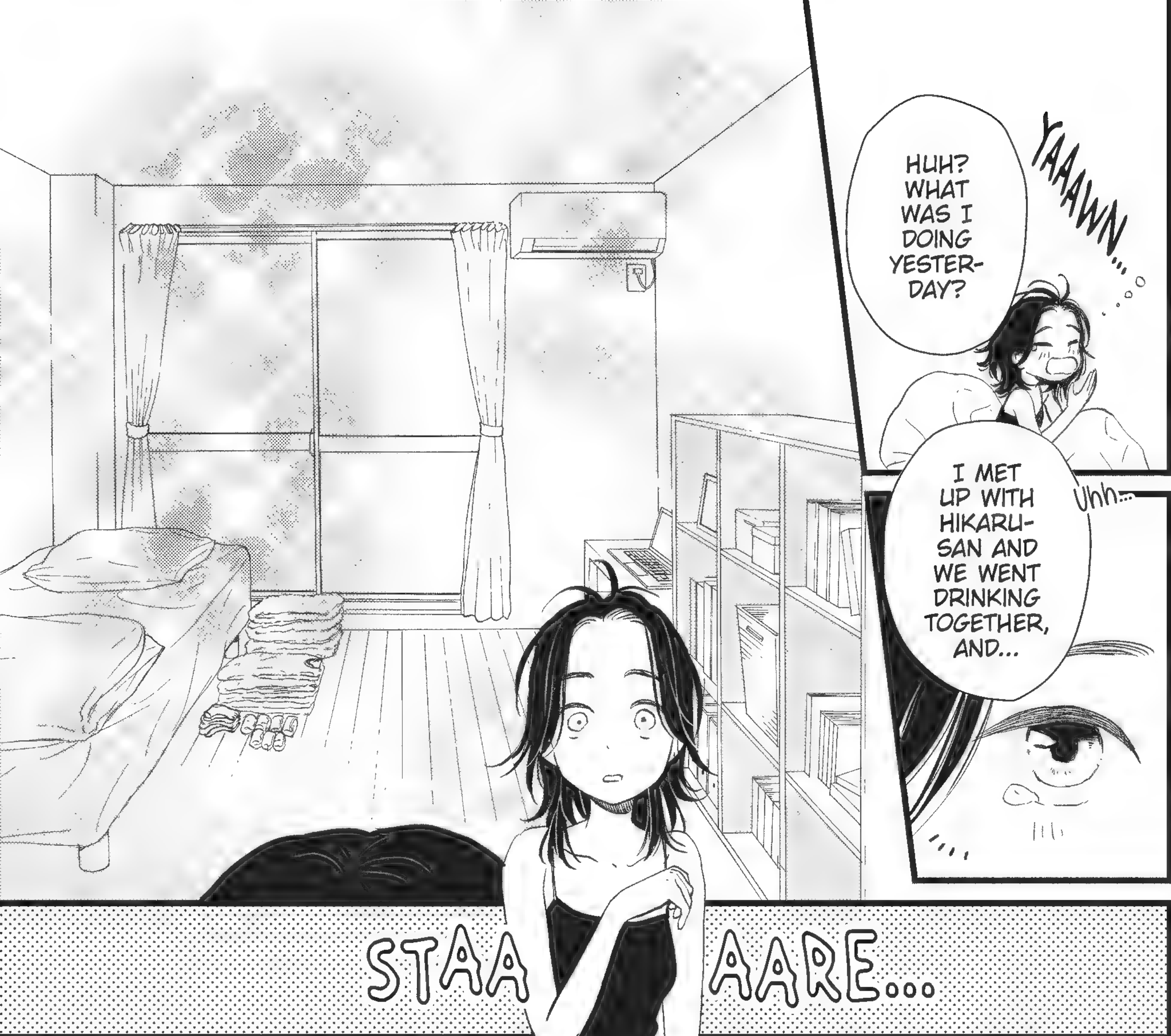
Aww, c'mon.
Let's be
friends,
Hikaru-san!

!

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP

BEEEP

CHIRP
CHIRP
CHIRP



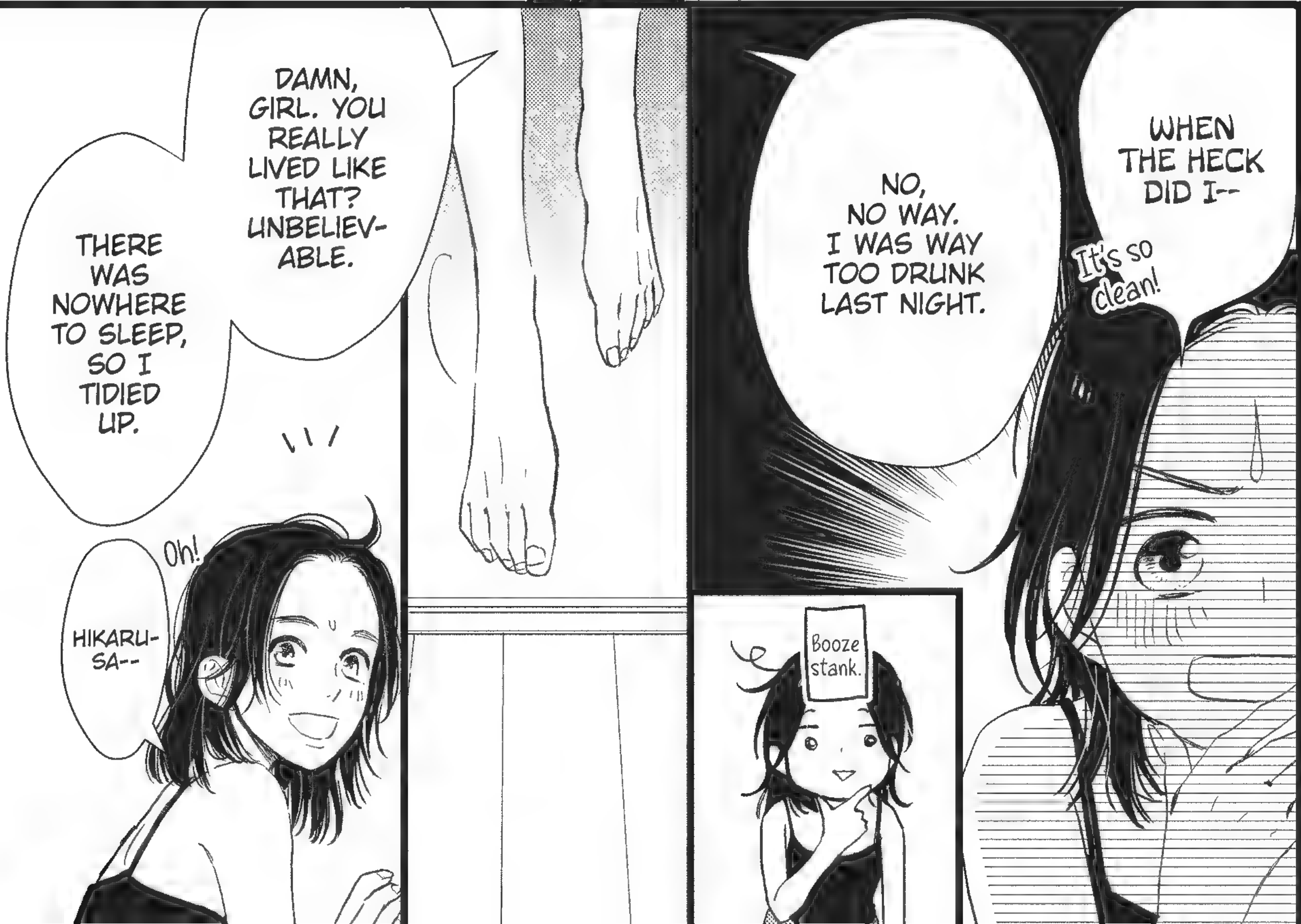
HUH?
WHAT
WAS I
DOING
YESTER-
DAY?

YAAAWN...

I MET
UP WITH
HIKARU-
SAN AND
WE WENT
DRINKING
TOGETHER,
AND...

Uhh...

STAA AARE...



DAMN,
GIRL. YOU
REALLY
LIVED LIKE
THAT?
UNBELIEV-
ABLE.

THERE
WAS
NOWHERE
TO SLEEP,
SO I
TIDIED
UP.

Oh!

HIKARU-
SA--

NO,
NO WAY.
I WAS WAY
TOO DRUNK
LAST NIGHT.

WHEN
THE HECK
DID I--

It's so
clean!

Booze
stank.



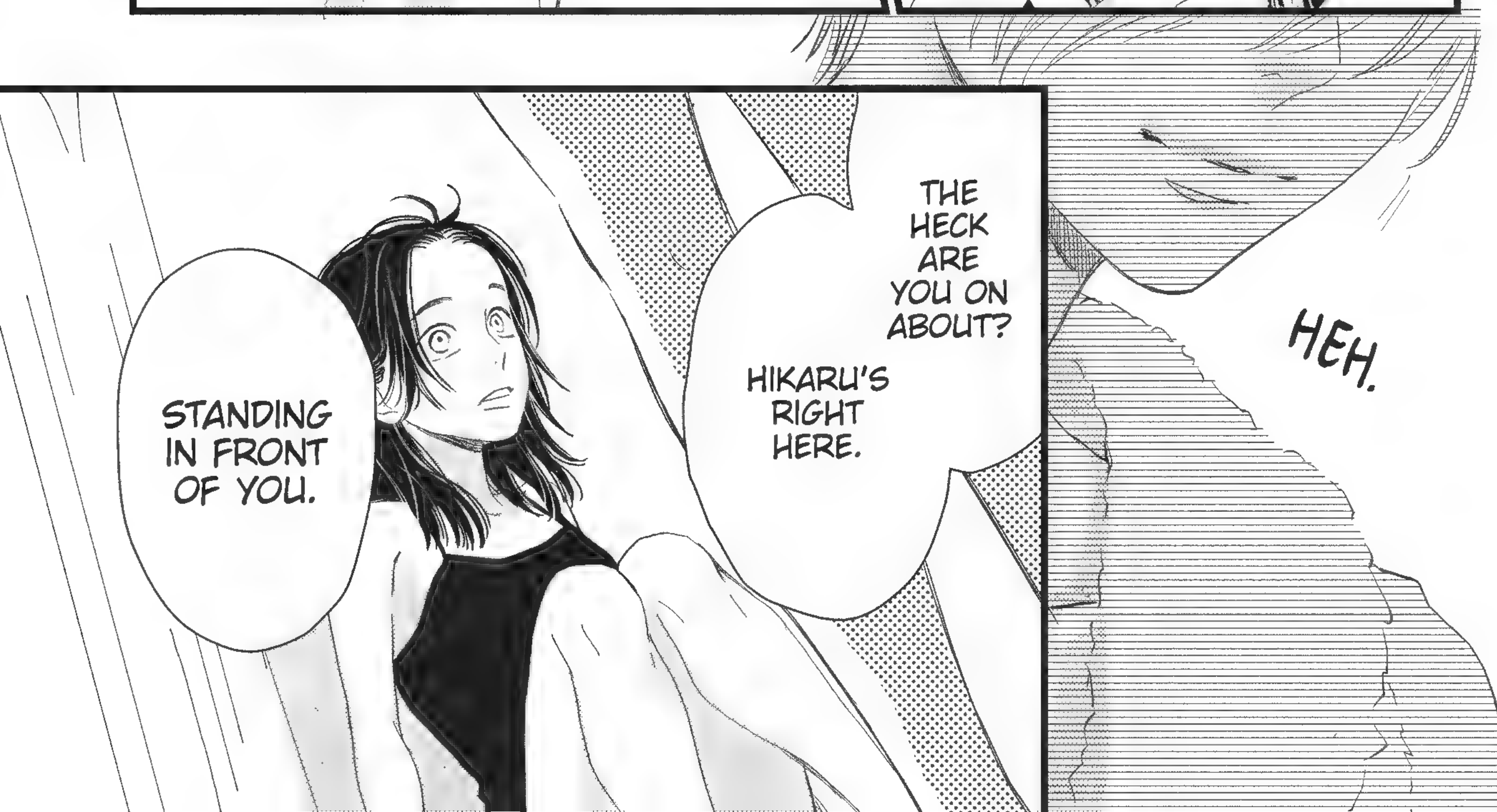
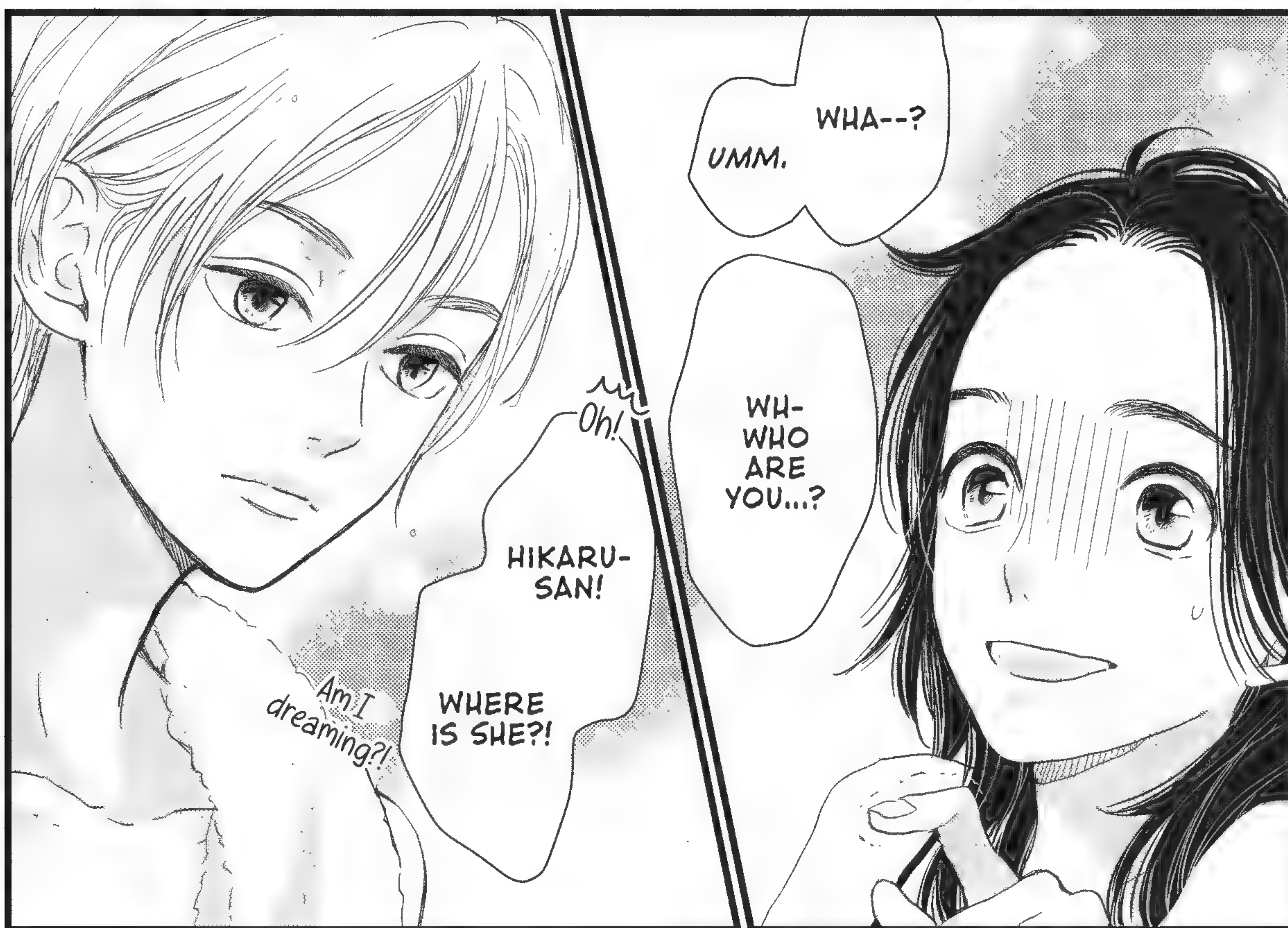
Clean
that
out! It's
nasty!

BY THE WAY,
HOW LONG
ARE YOU
GONNA LEAVE
THE DRAIN
CLOGGED UP
WITH YOUR
HAIR?!



Oh.

ALSO, I
BORROWED
YOUR
SHOWER.

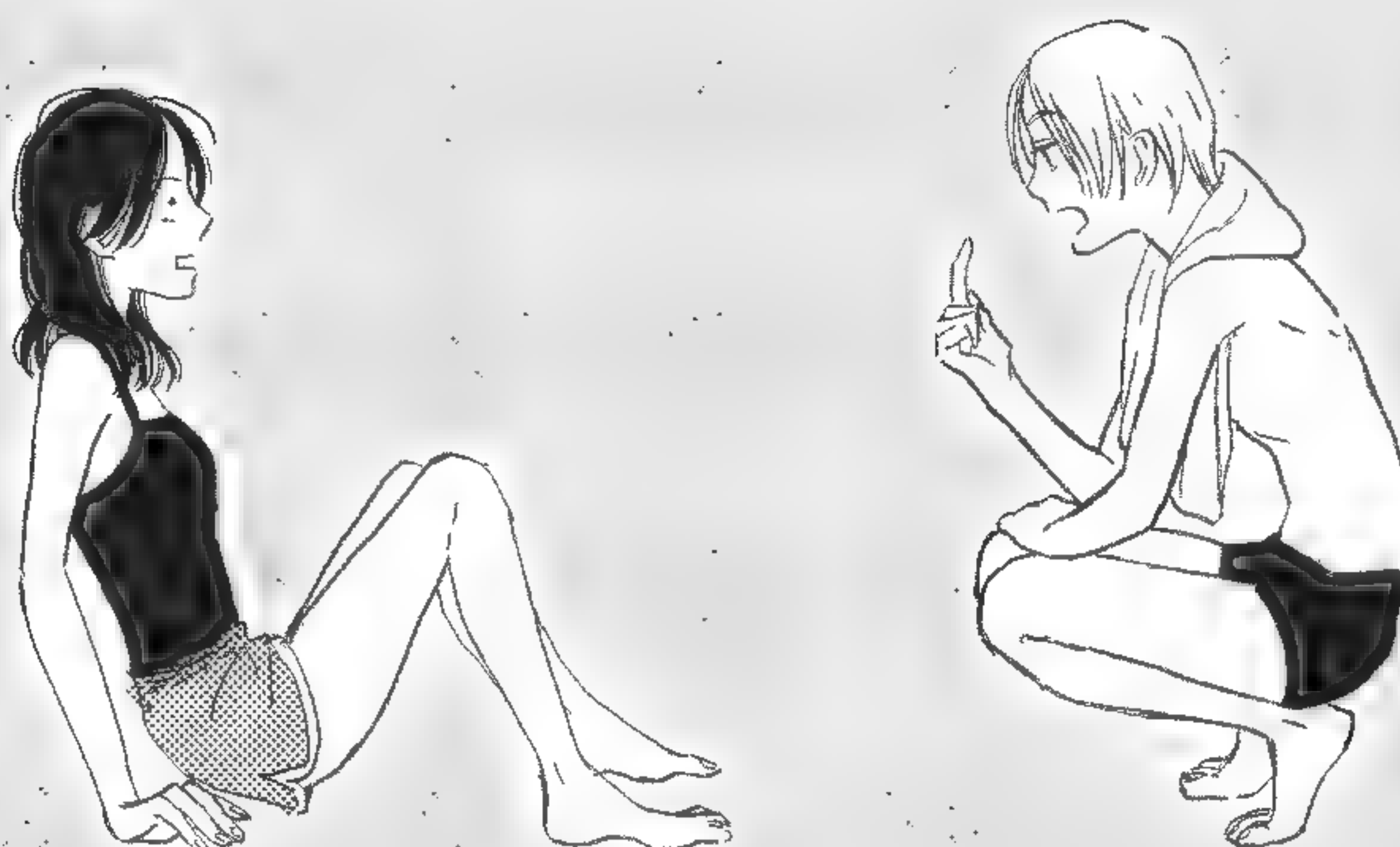


THAT
WAS
ALL. ME.
BABY!

AFTER
YOU GOT
TOTALLY
FREAKIN'
WASTED
LAST
NIGHT?

YOU
KNOW,
THE ONE
WHO
BROUGHT
YOU BACK
HERE...

IT'S ME!
I'M HIKARU!



C'MON,
HARUKA.

IT'S
BEEN A
LITTLE
OVER
A YEAR
SINCE I
MOVED
TO
TOKYO.

CAT
GOT YOUR
TONGUE?
TOO SEXY
FOR YOU?



AND I
STILL...

DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING
ABOUT
THIS CITY.

What
the
hell?!

SHEESH,
YOU
REALLY
WERE
RAISED
IN A
BARN.

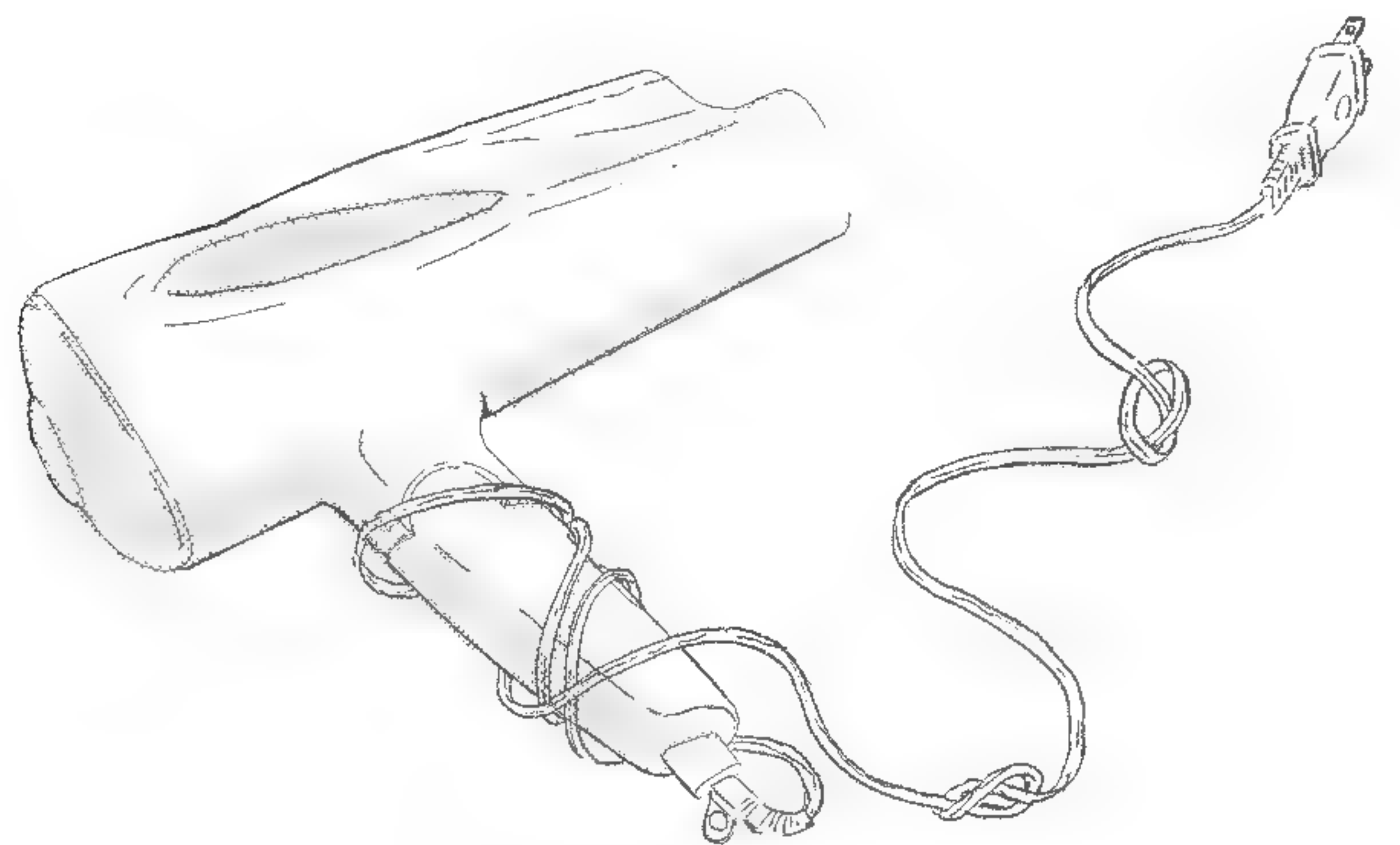
AND HOOK
UP WITH
ME?

WHY
DON'T YOU
DITCH THAT
LOSER...



Things Hikaru Hated about Haruka's Room 1

The dryer tangled up in its own cord.



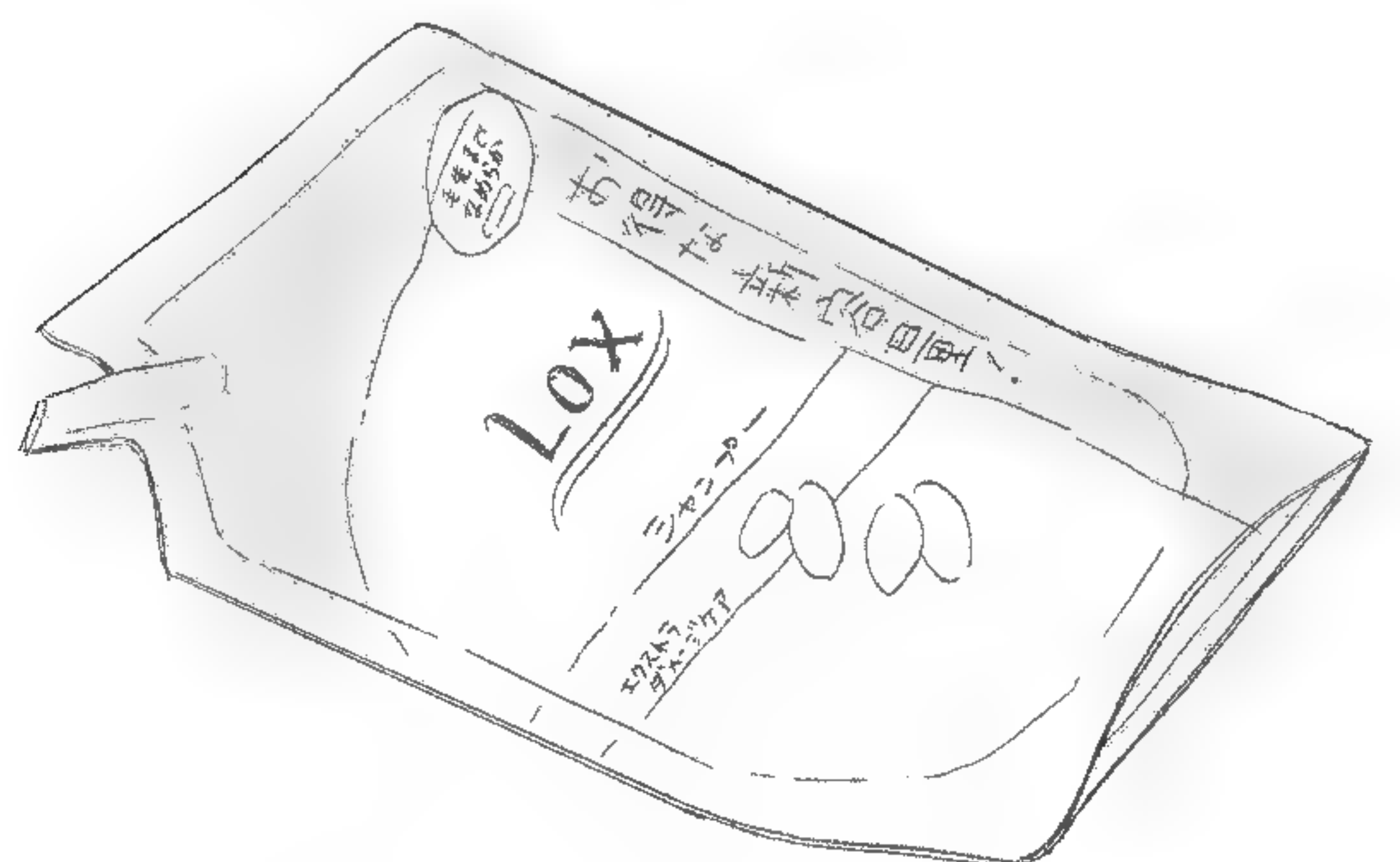
Hikaru: "Untangle that!"

Stage.2



Things Hikaru Hated about Haruka's Room 2

The refill pack left abandoned in the bathroom.



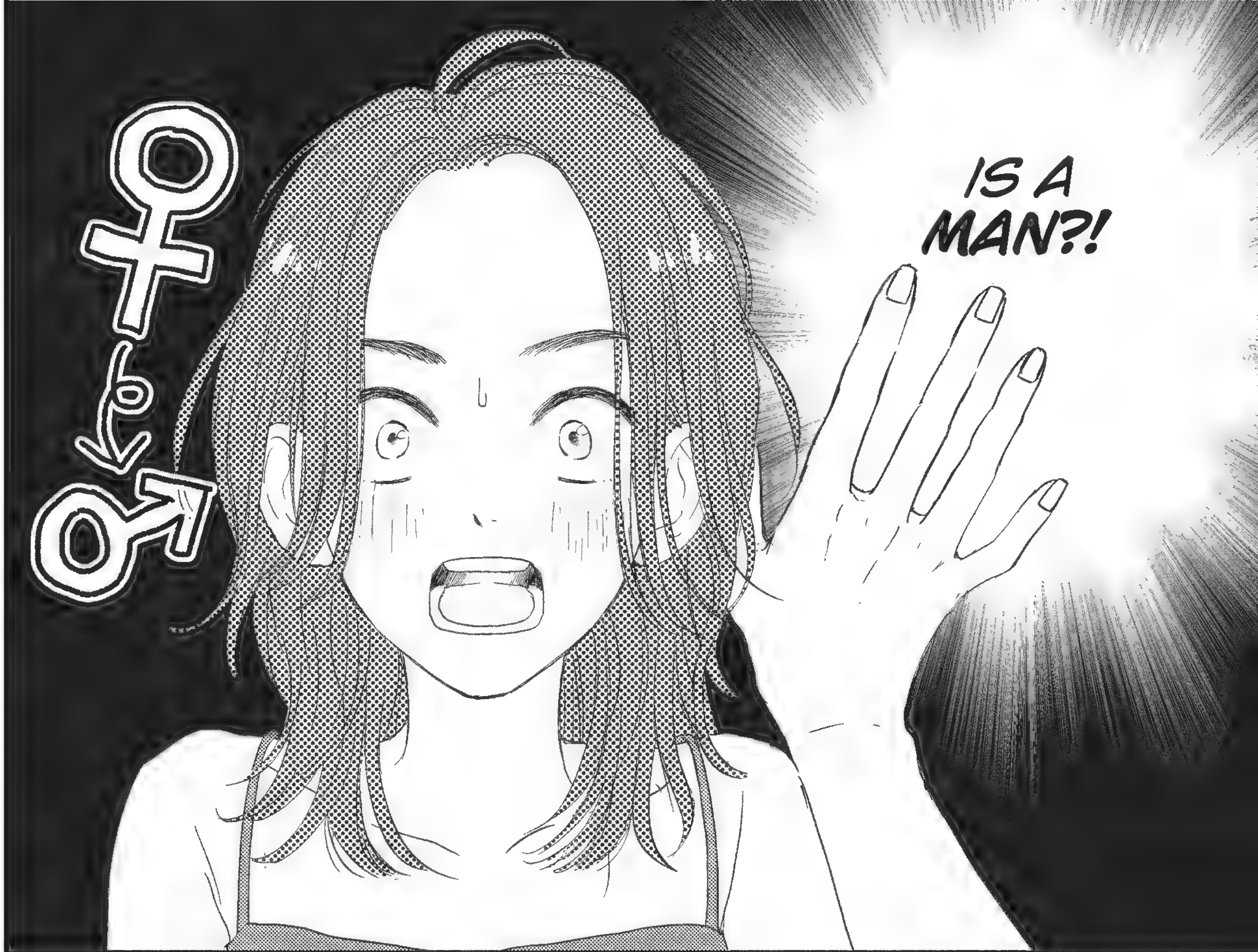
Hikaru: "Throw that out."



WELL?
WOULDN'T
YOU PREFER
ME OVER
SOME OTHER
GUY?

HIKARU...

Cinderella Closet



You're way too shocked!

Ha ha ha-ha!

OH MAN, THE LOOK ON YOUR FACE!

WHISH



WHY
DO YOU
DRESS
LIKE
THAT?



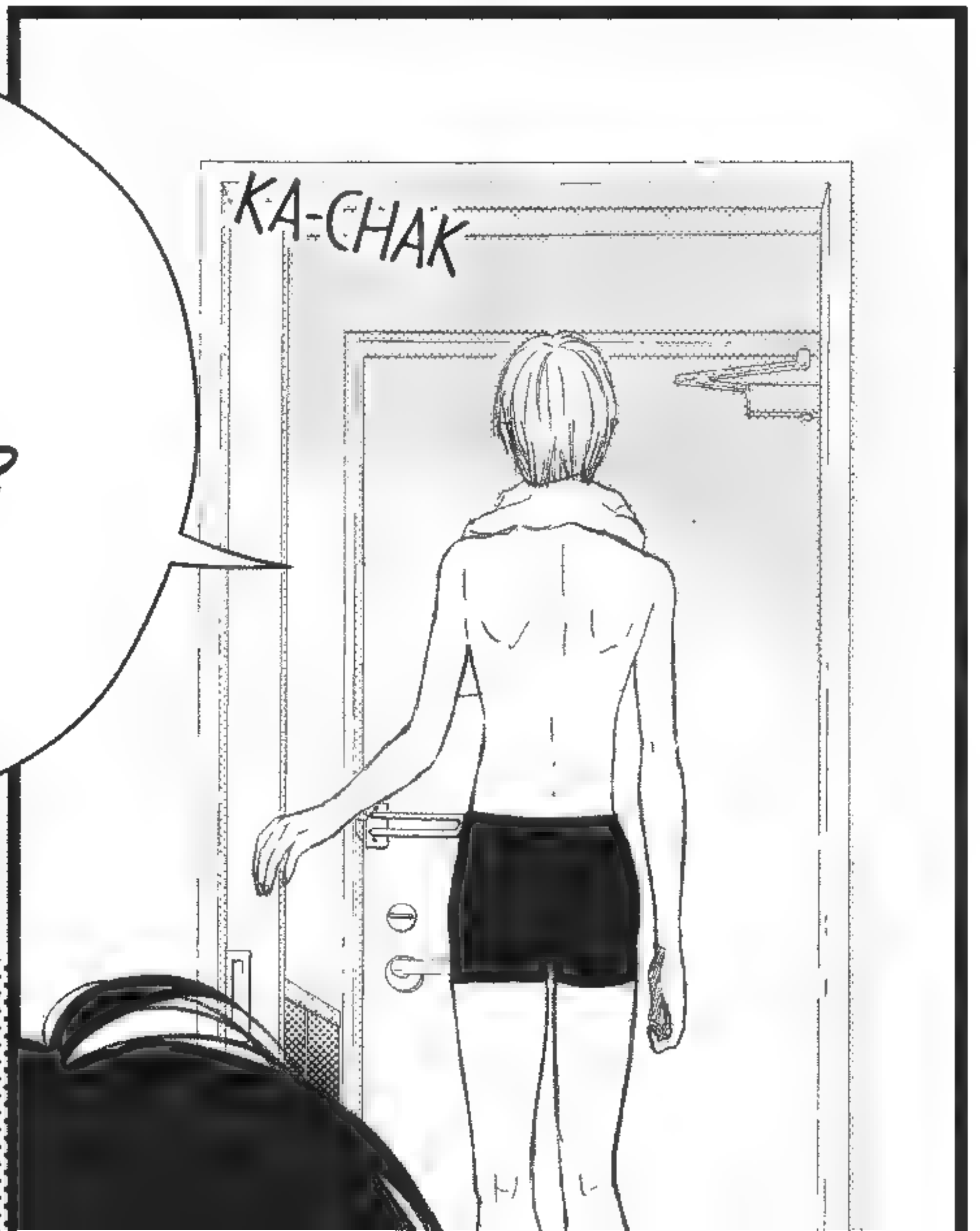
THEN,
HIKARU-
SAN...
UHH...



Huh?

ISN'T IT
OBVIOUS?

KA-CHUNK





THERE'S
JUST FAR
MORE VARIETY
AMONG WOMEN'S
CLOTHES, AND
I LOVE HAVING
OPTIONS.

Not that
you'd
have the
first clue.



LOOKS
GOOD,
DOESN'T
IT?



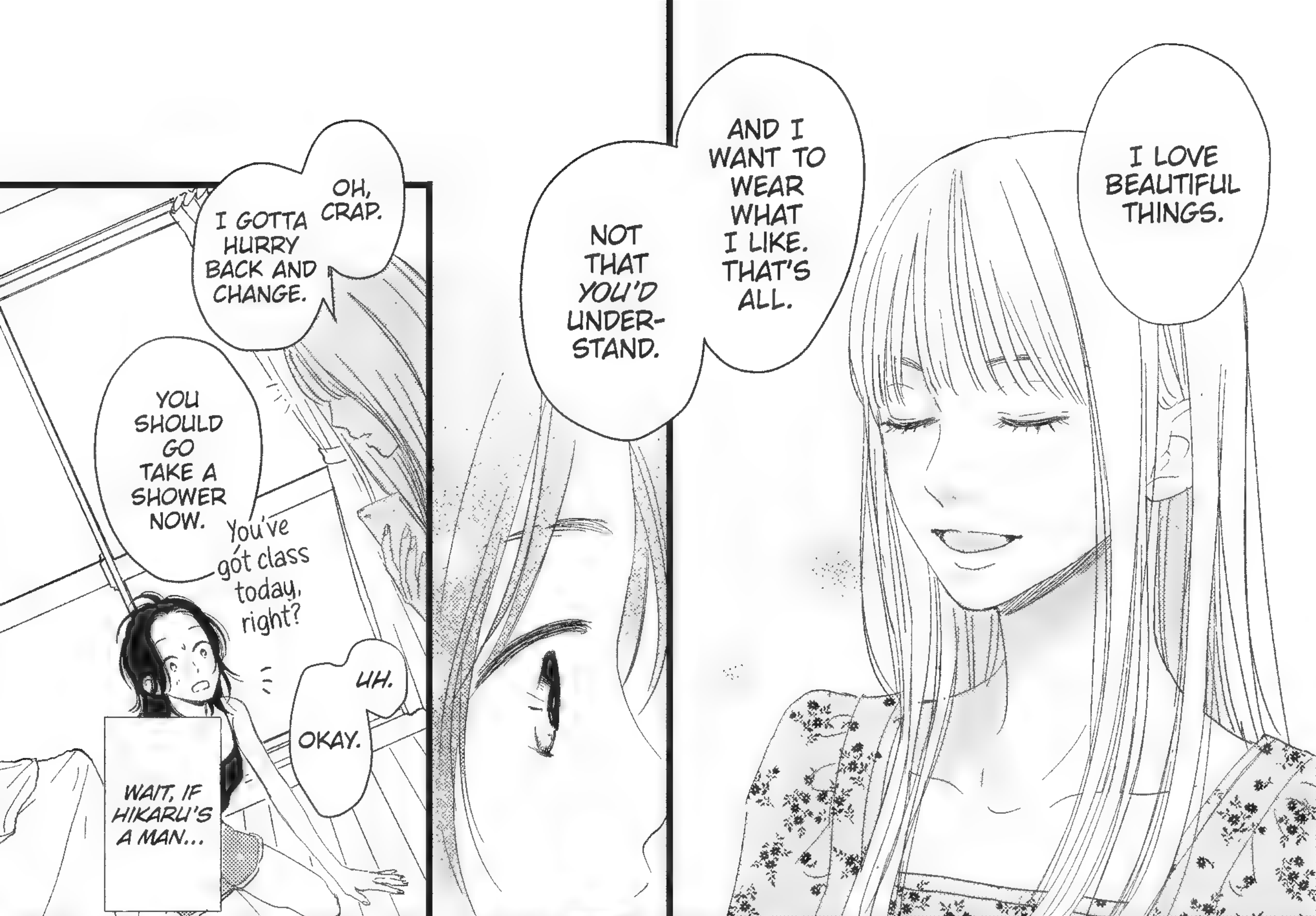
WHY NOT
MAKE THE
MOST OF
THEM? IT'S
MORE FUN
THAT WAY.

I WAS
BLESSED
WITH THESE
FEMININE
FEATURES
AT BIRTH.

UH...
OKAY.

THAT
MAKES...

SOME
SENSE, I
GUESS?



**I'M
NEVER
TALKING
TO YOU
AGAIN!!**



Ah
ha
ha.

SEEYA~! ♪

SILLY.

Tee
hee.

RELAX.
I'VE GOT NO
INTEREST IN
YOUR WORN-
OUT UNDER-
CRACKERS.

NO!
UMM,
UHHH!

UH!

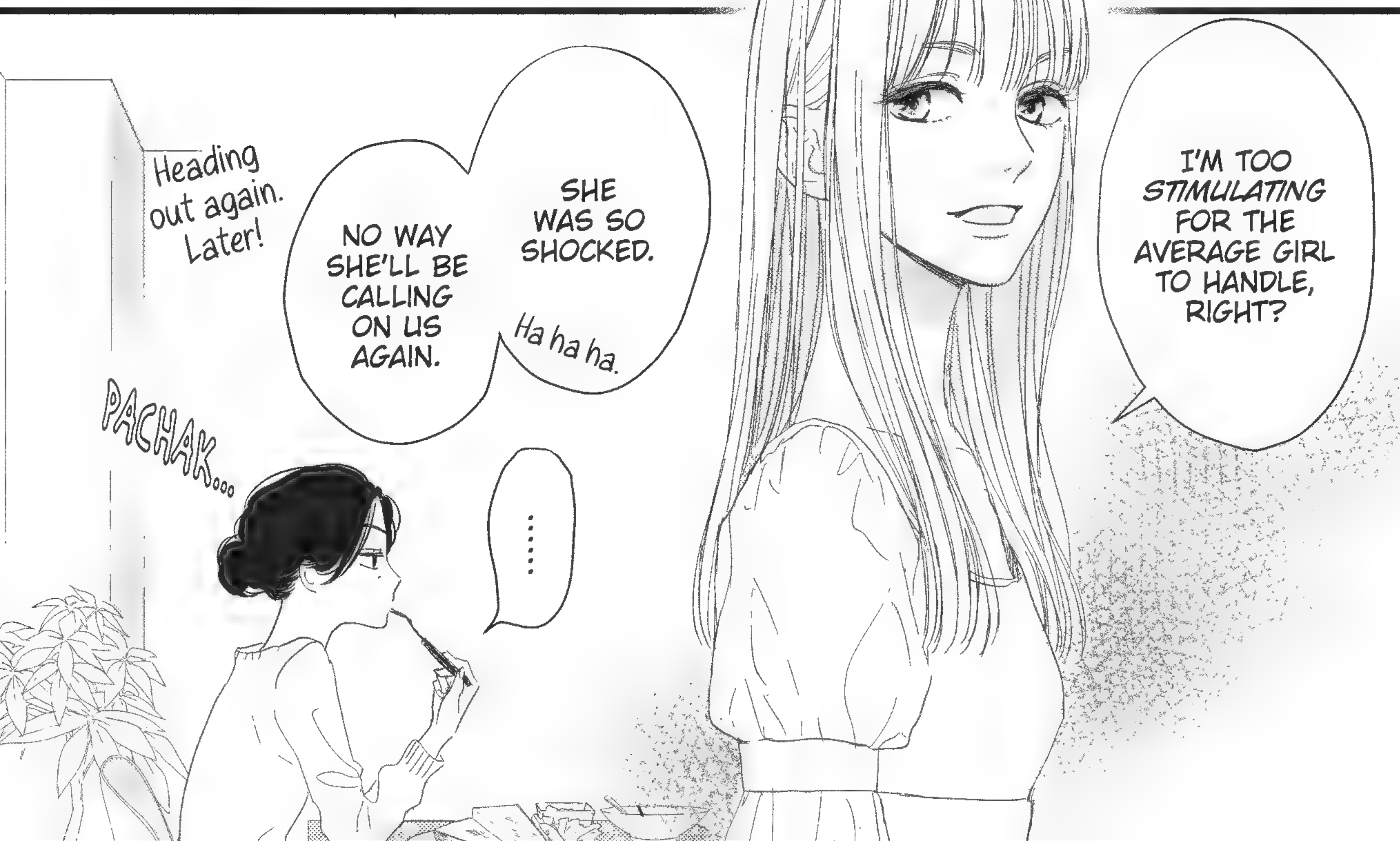
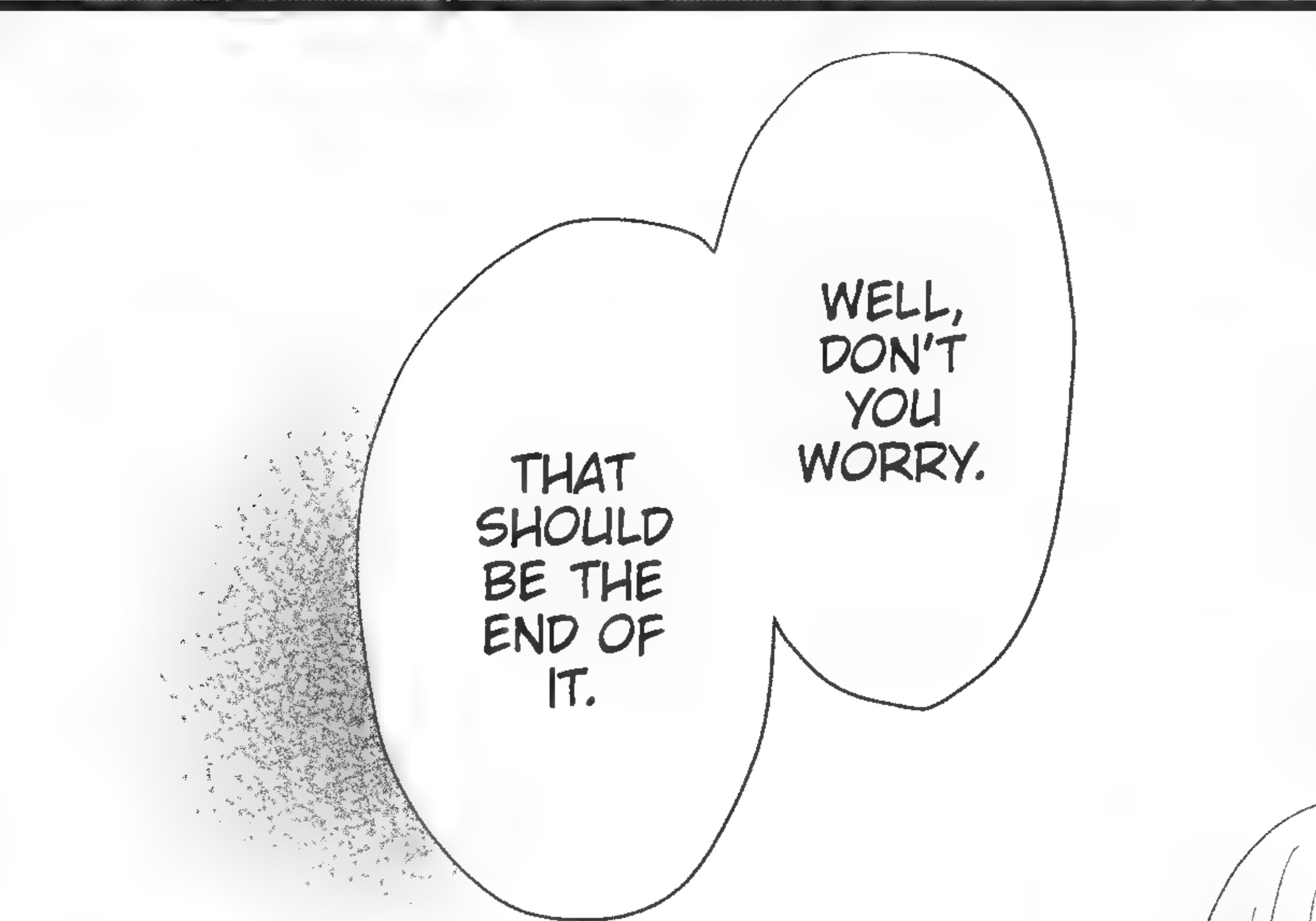
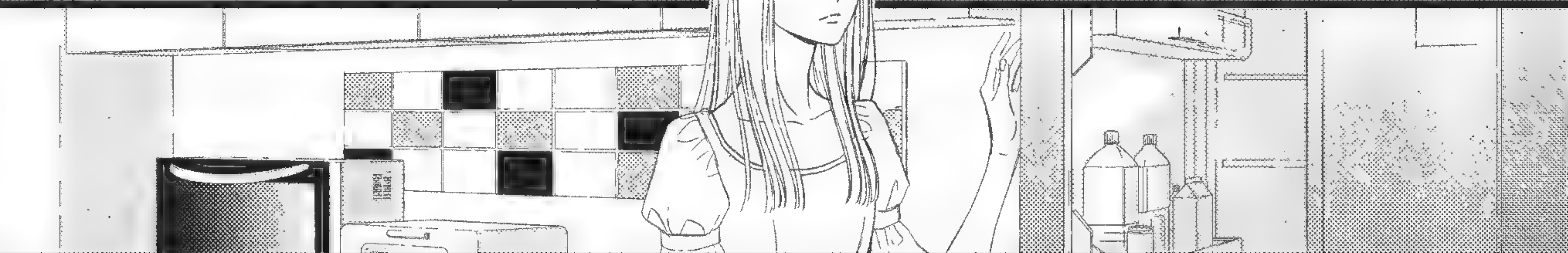
BAM
!!

PFFFT.

WELL,
IF YOU
NEED ANY
HELP...

YOU
KNOW
THE
LADY TO
CALL!

I...





♂
WAS
A MAN
AFTER
ALL.

SO,
HIKARU-
SAN...



JUST TO
MAKE FUN
OF ME
FOR NOT
CATCHING
ON?

WHY
DIDN'T
THEY
TELL
ME?

WHAT
AN AWFUL
PERSON!

PLIP...



Didn't
you hear
me say
to slow
down?
Ugh!

I feel
like
crap...

THAT
MEANS
HIKARU
SAW A
BUNCH
OF STUFF
THAT
TOTALLY
WASN'T
OKAY!

Woo-
hoo,
I'm
home!

Girl, don't
take that
bra off
in the
hallway!!

GA
H
H
H!

PANT!

WHEEE!



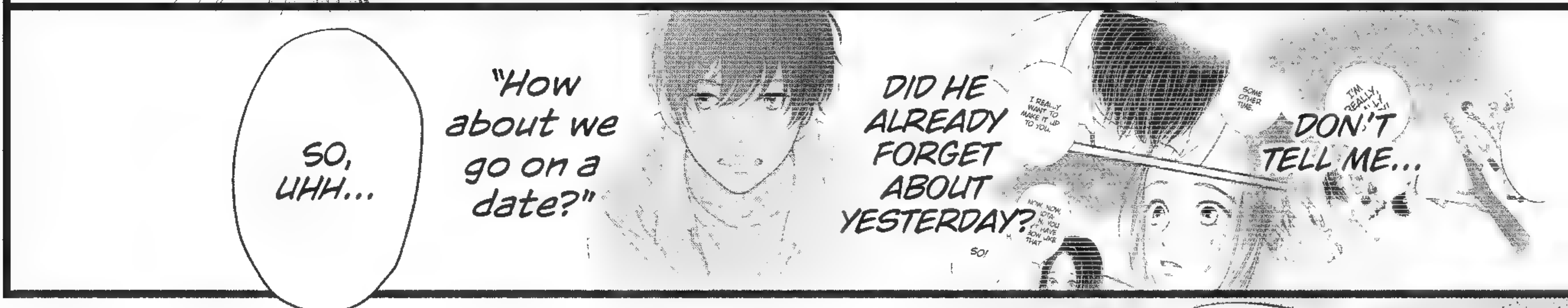
BOUNCE BOUNCE

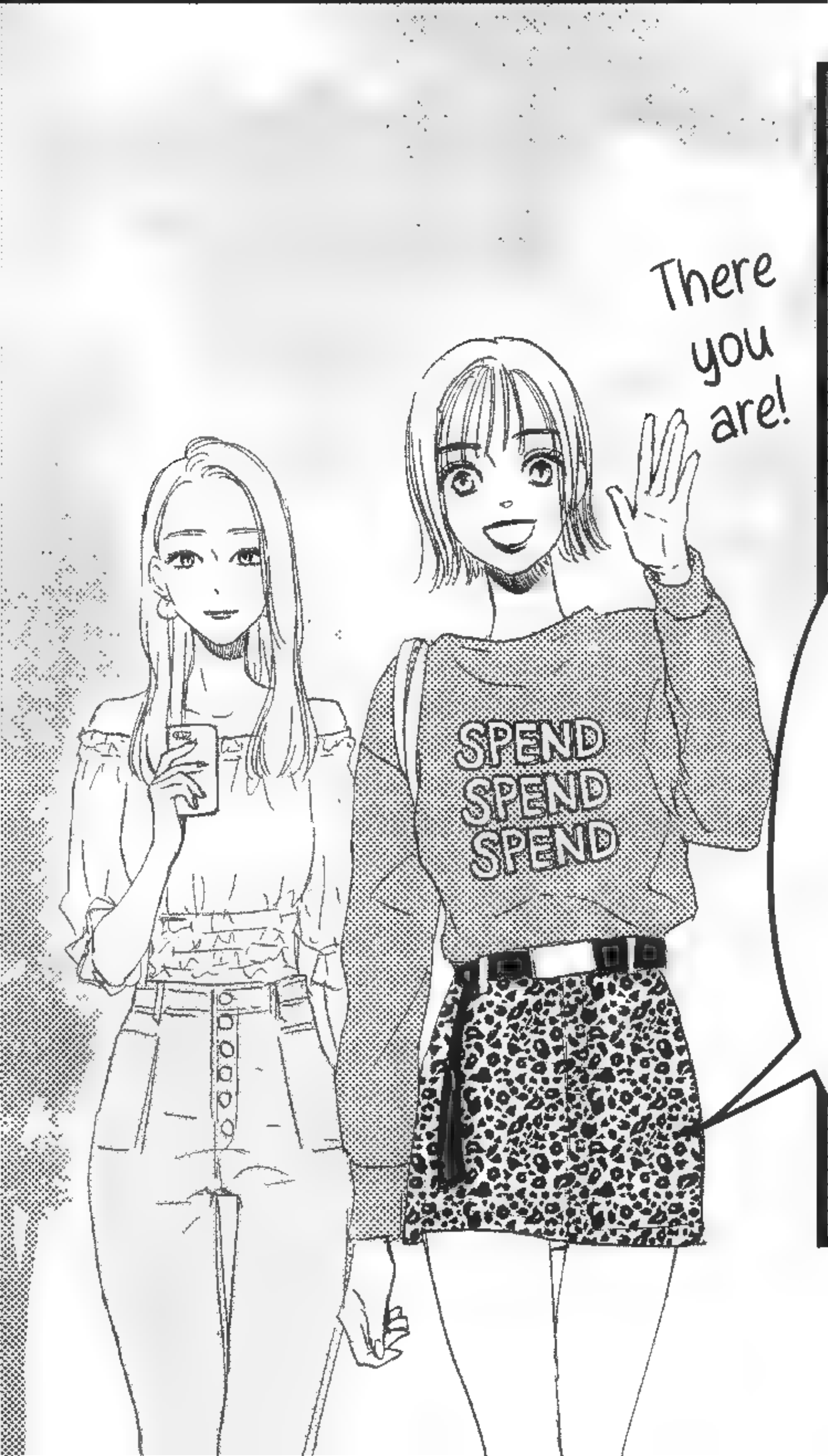
I WAS
THE ONE
WHO
SPACED
OUT.

NAH...

SORRY 'BOUT
THAT!







There
you
are!



**KEI-
SUKEEE!**

How the
heck do
you see
me?

**I-I
DIDN'T
MEAN
IT LIKE
THAT!
REALLY!**

Hey.
I AIN'T
THAT MUCH
OF A JERK,
THANK YOU
VERY MUCH.

**YOU OH.
REMEM-
BERED?**





**TOMOR-
ROW?!**

**NO
WAY!**

YEAH.

Y--

AIGHT,
SEE YA
'ROUND.

I'M
GONNA
CRY!

**WE
REALLY
ARE
GOING
OUT ON
A DATE!**

**DAMN,
GIRL.**

Help me,
Hikaru-san!

Please come to
Shinjuku.

I'm gonna die.

What am I gonna do?

SURE,
JUST
LET
ME--

Huh?

I'LL DM YOU
WHEN I FIGURE
OUT WHAT
TIME'LL WORK
TOMORROW.

Later!

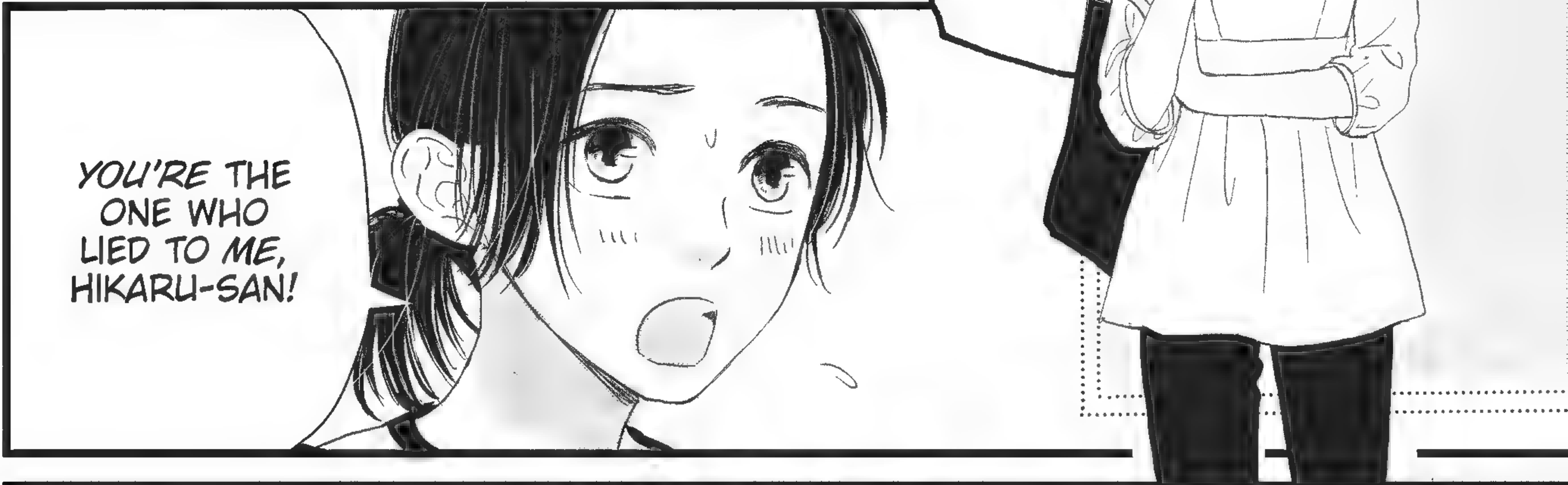


SO
HERE I
AM!

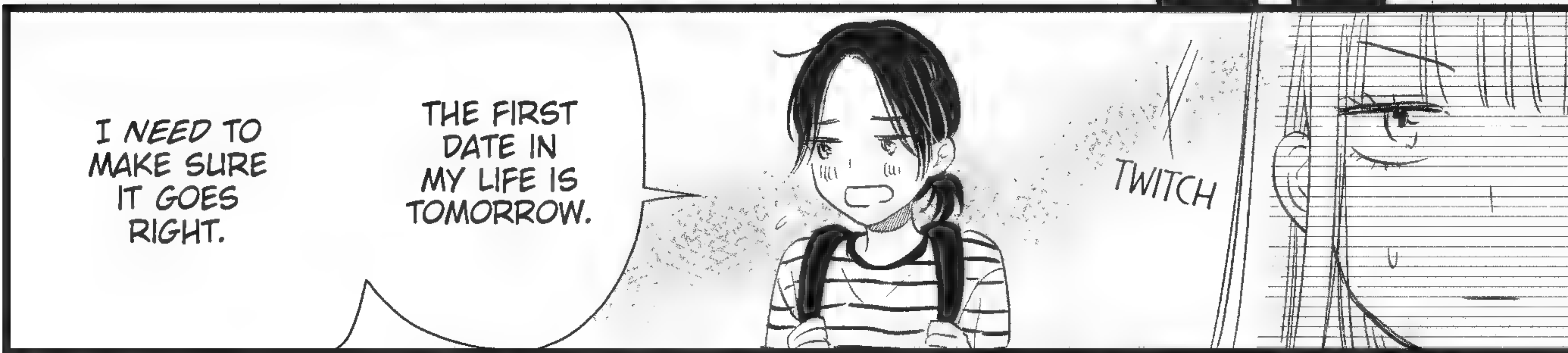
YOU
SENT
ME LIKE
THIRTY
FRIGGIN'
TEXTS
OUT OF
NO-
WHERE!

EH
HEH...

WELL,
AREN'T
YOU IN A
MOOD?!



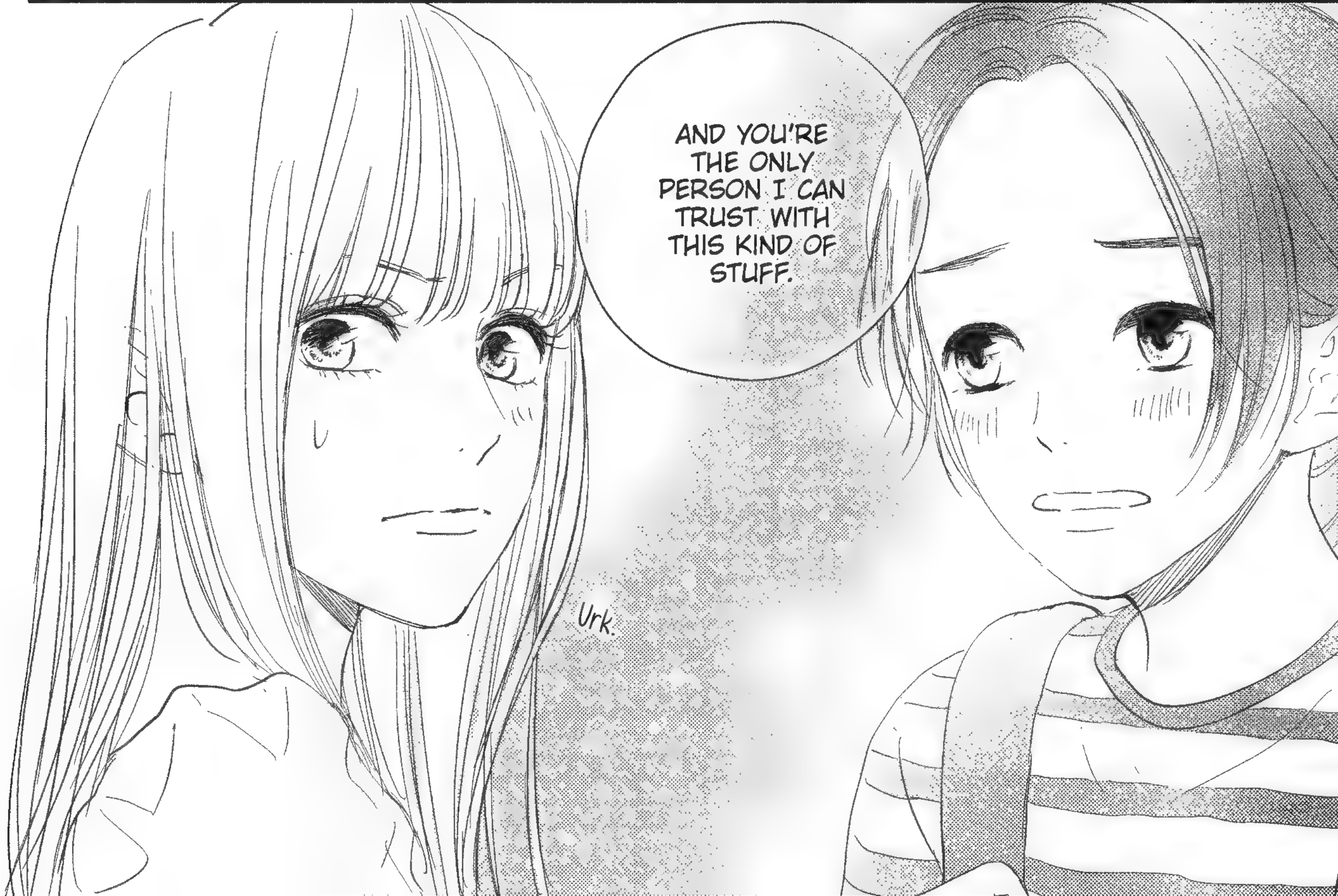
YOU'RE THE
ONE WHO
LIED TO ME,
HIKARU-SAN!



I NEED TO
MAKE SURE
IT GOES
RIGHT.

THE FIRST
DATE IN
MY LIFE IS
TOMORROW.

TWITCH



AND YOU'RE
THE ONLY
PERSON I CAN
TRUST WITH
THIS KIND OF
STUFF.

Urk.

To put it bluntly...

SEXY CLOTHES!

BOOORING.

SO, WHAT DO YOU NEED? CLOTHES?

FINE, FINE. WHATEVER.

WHAT KIND DO YOU WANT?

MOST "SEXY" CLOTHES JUST MAKE THE AVERAGE DIRTBAG THINK, "OH, SHE'S EASY."

YOU'RE NOT JUST FISHING FOR ANY RANDOM MAN, RIGHT?

RUTH-LESS!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW EMBARRASSING IT WAS FOR ME TO SAY THAT?!

y-you jerk!



GOOD
POINT.

"You're
not
wearing
that
dress
today,
huh?"



YOU HAVE
SOMEONE
SPECIFIC
IN MIND,
DON'T
YOU?

THINK HARD.
WHAT DO
THEY WANT
FROM YOU?



A DRESS
ALONE
WOULD BE
ENOUGH
TO MAKE
YOU LOOK
DECENT.

SOUNDS
GOOD,
YEAH?

Guess
he likes
that
look.

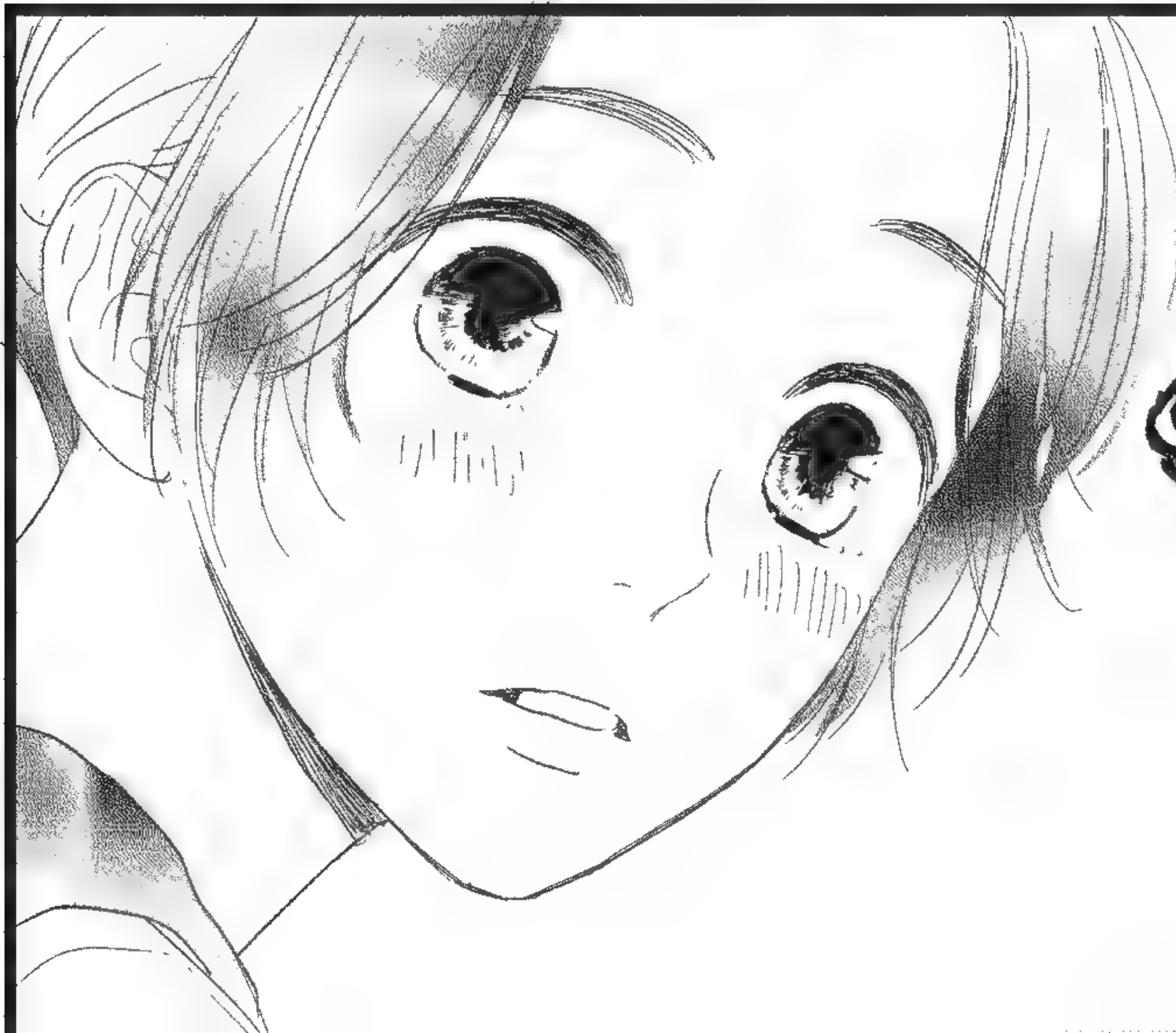
KUROTAKI-
SAN COMPLI-
MENTED ME
FOR WEAR-
ING ONE THE
OTHER DAY.

I
THINK
THAT'D
BE
GOOD.

A
DRESS.

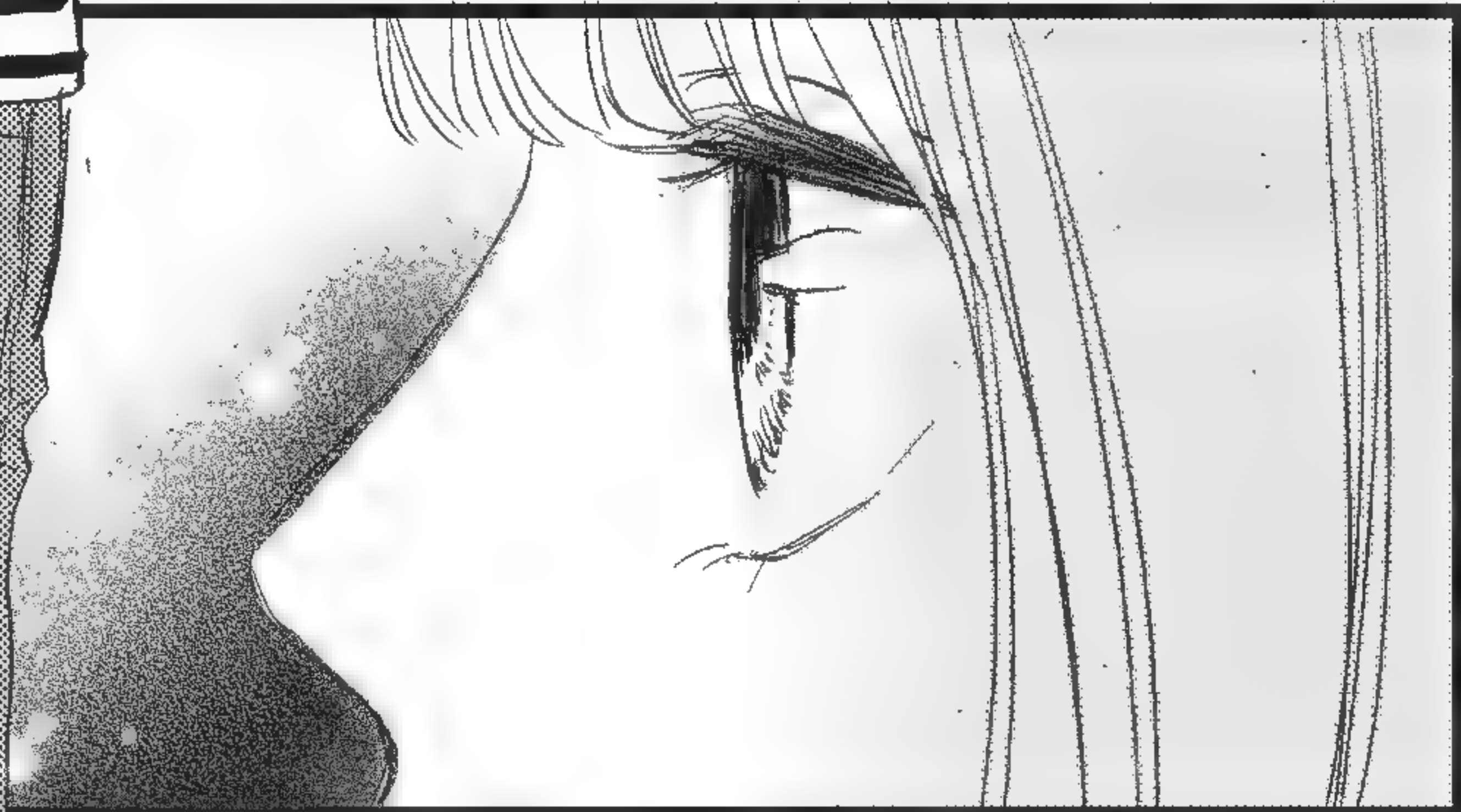
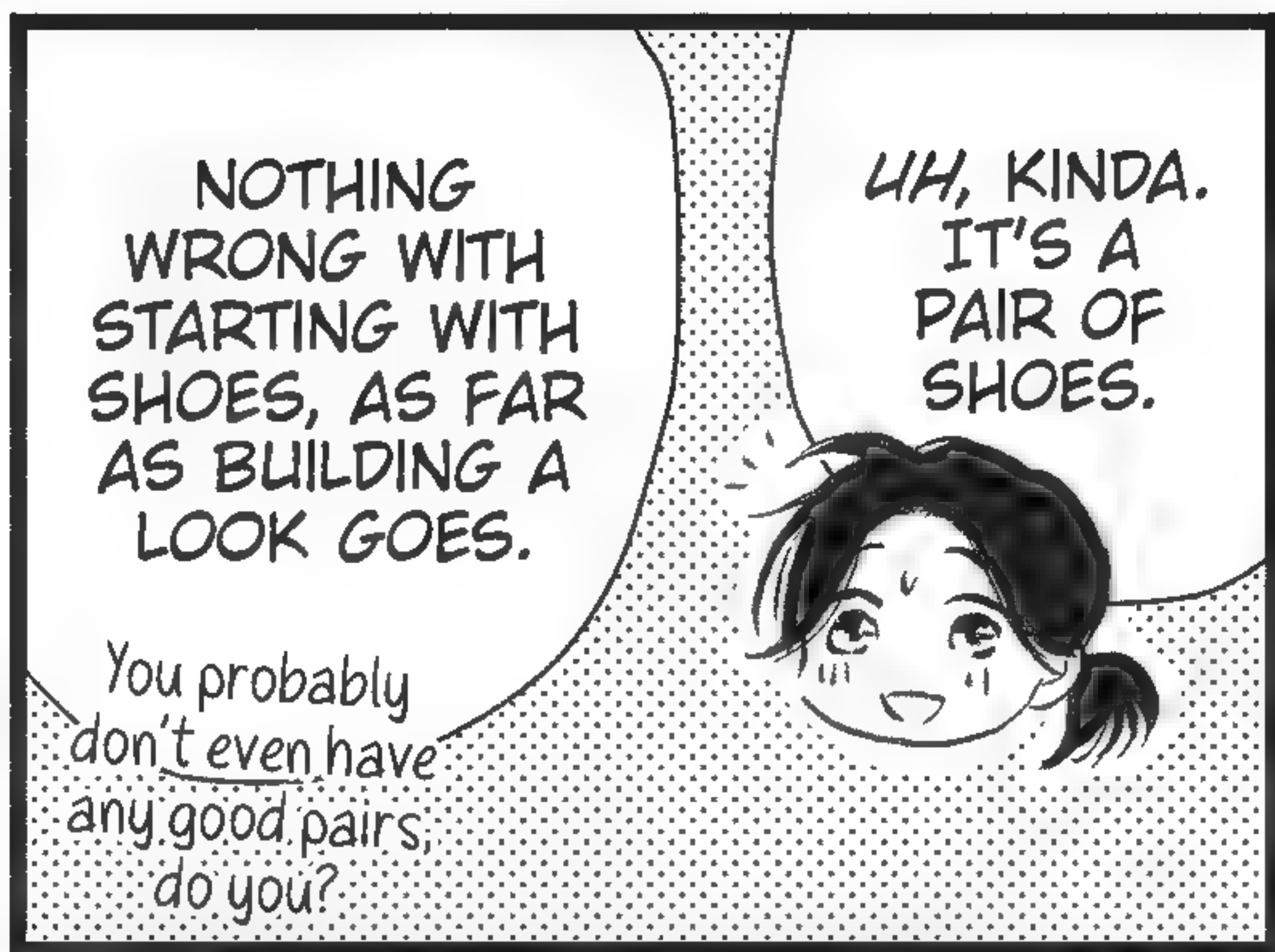


Let's go
take a
look.



NAH.
THEY'RE
HIGH
HEELS,
AND,
UH...

Eh
heh...
I'M
ALREADY
PRETTY
TALL AS
IT IS.



SEE?
YOU LOOK
WAY MORE
FEMININE
NOW.

DON'T
HIDE IT.

BE
PROUD.

BEING
TALL IS
NOTHING
TO BE
ASHAMED
OF.

QUIT
SLOUCHIN'!

GRIP!

EEP!

PULL
THAT
NECK
BACK!

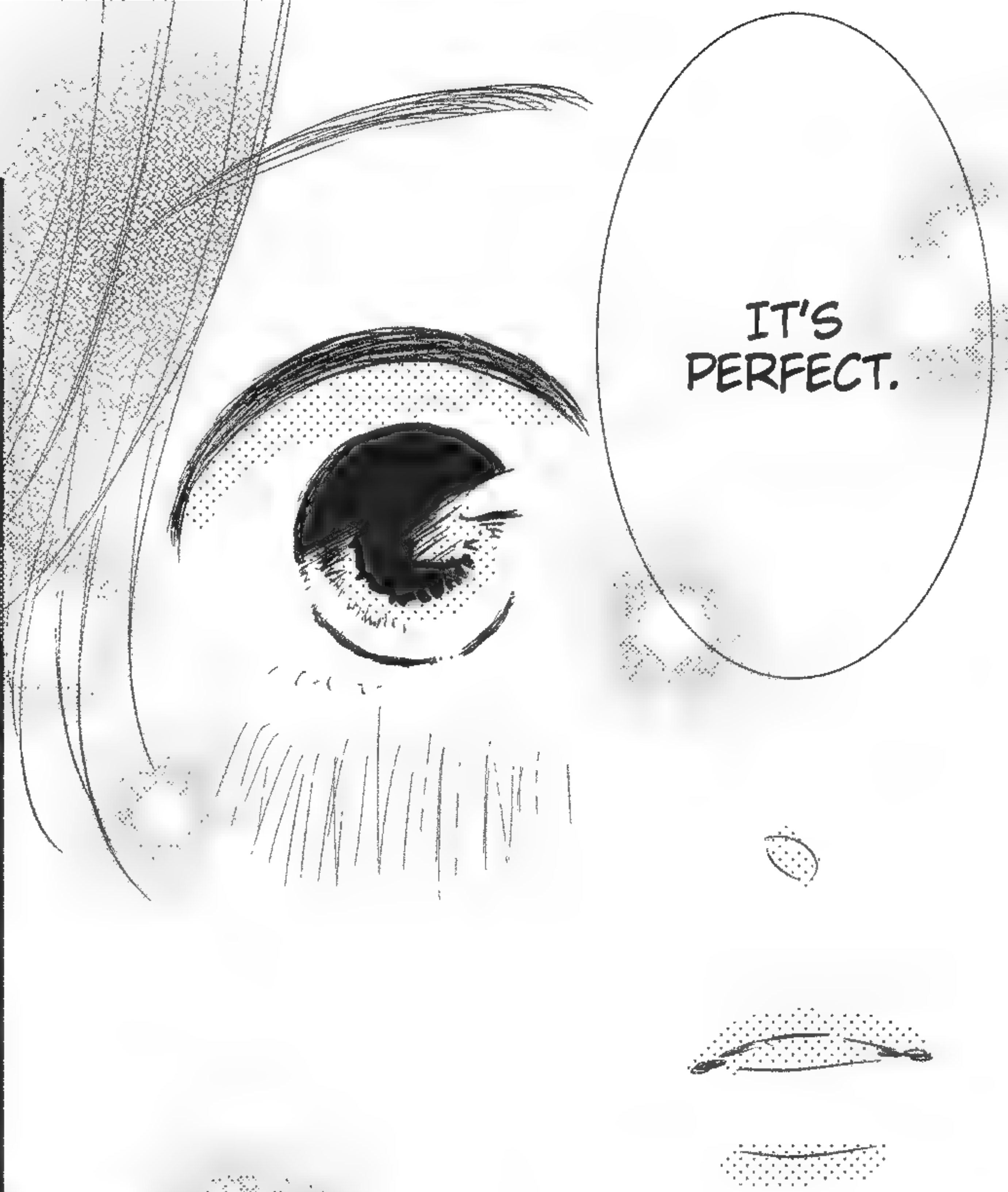
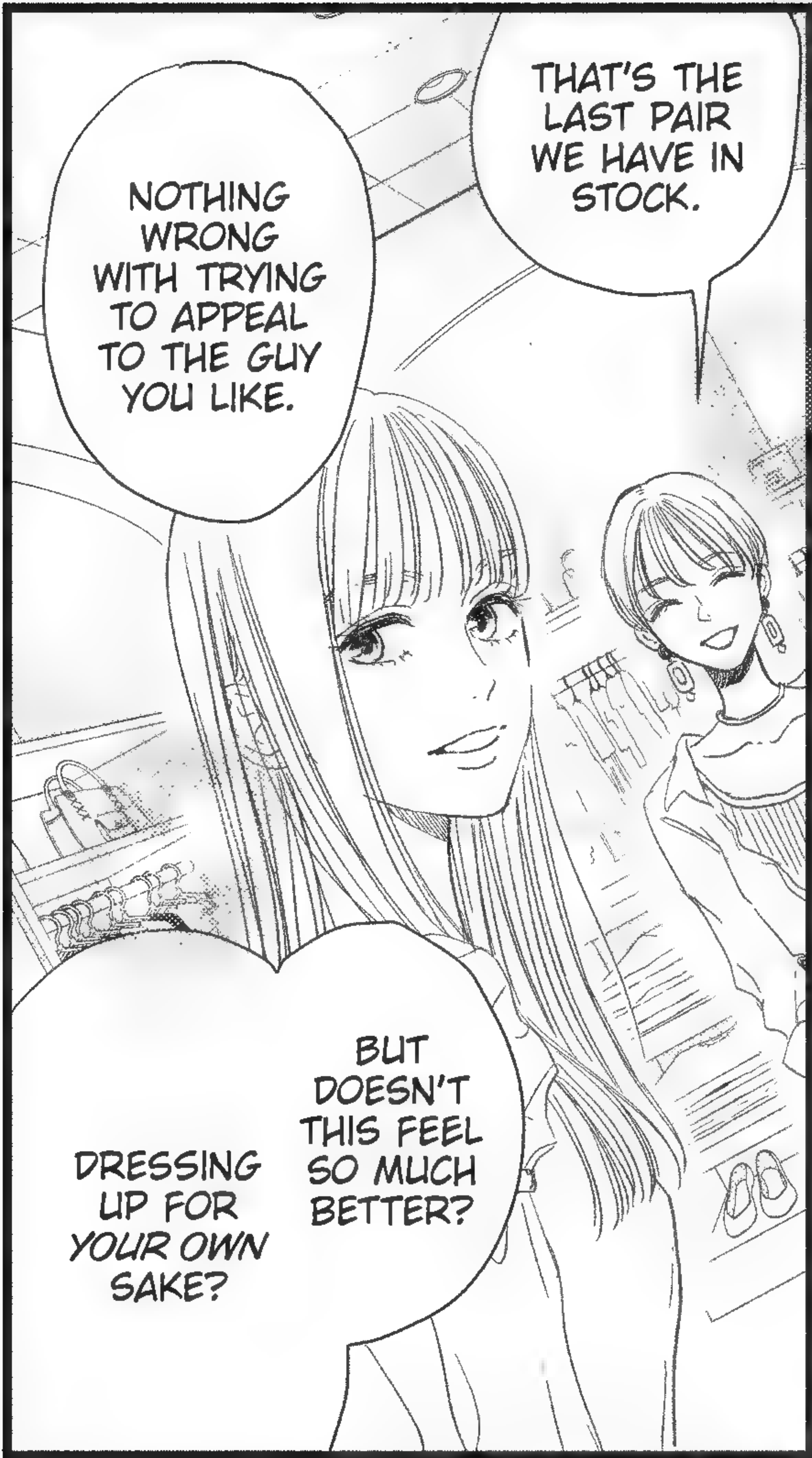
YOUR
STOM-
ACH'S
OUT
PAST
YOUR
CHEST!

Suck
it in!

AAH!

AND PULL
IN THAT
JAW
ALREADY!

MRGH!





EXCUSE
ME, I'D
LIKE TO
TRY THIS
ON.

Hika-
ru's.

I'LL
TAKE
THEM!



HEY.

I
KNOW YOU
SAID YOUR
FEET HURT
AND THAT
YOU NEED
TO REST...

Adults! ♥

LOVE HOTEL
DISTRICT

BUT WHERE
EXACTLY DO
YOU INTEND
TO TAKE ME?

HOTEL Y.U.R.A.

HOTEL Don...

REST
SHOP

ACE
TO
MA
TO



THERE'S NO WAY I COULD'VE WALKED INTO THAT STORE WITHOUT YOU.

YOU HELPED ME OUT SO MUCH TODAY.

So I have to pay you back!



I WANTED TO FIND A RAMEN PLACE AND TREAT YOU!

COULD HAVE SWORN THERE WAS ONE AROUND HERE!

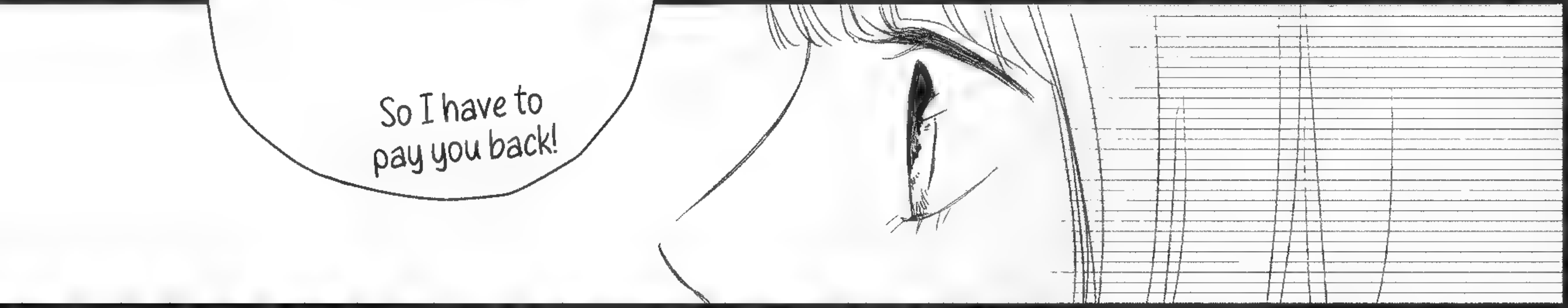
Don't look at me like that!!



I WON'T STAND FOR THAT!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET ME ANYTHING.

Accepting charity isn't my thing.

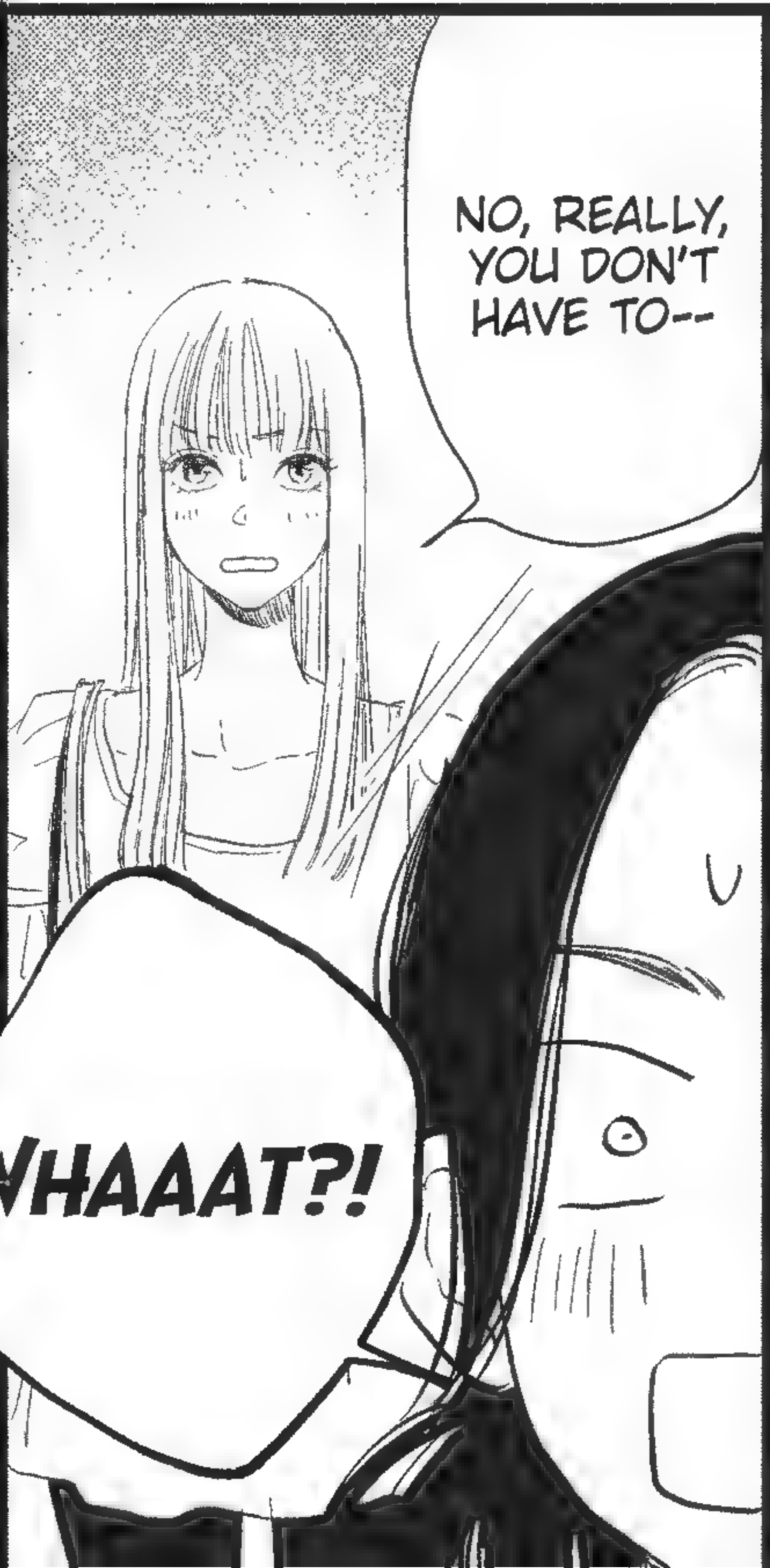


A BASKETBALL COURT?!

Holy crap!

THEY JUST STICK THESE IN THE MIDDLE OF THE CITY?!

That's sooo weird!



NO, REALLY, YOU DON'T HAVE TO--

WHAAAT?!







REMEMBER.



YOU
ASKED
FOR
THIS!

YOINK

WHAT
THE
HEY?!

SWOOSH

MANO



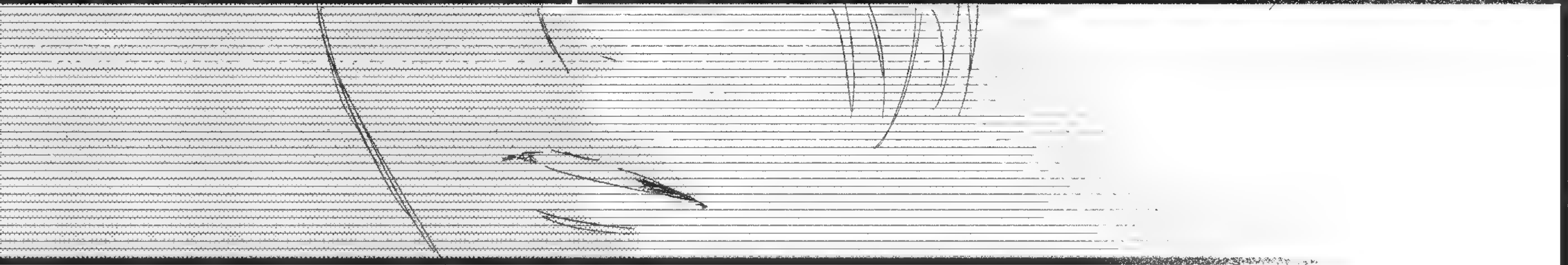
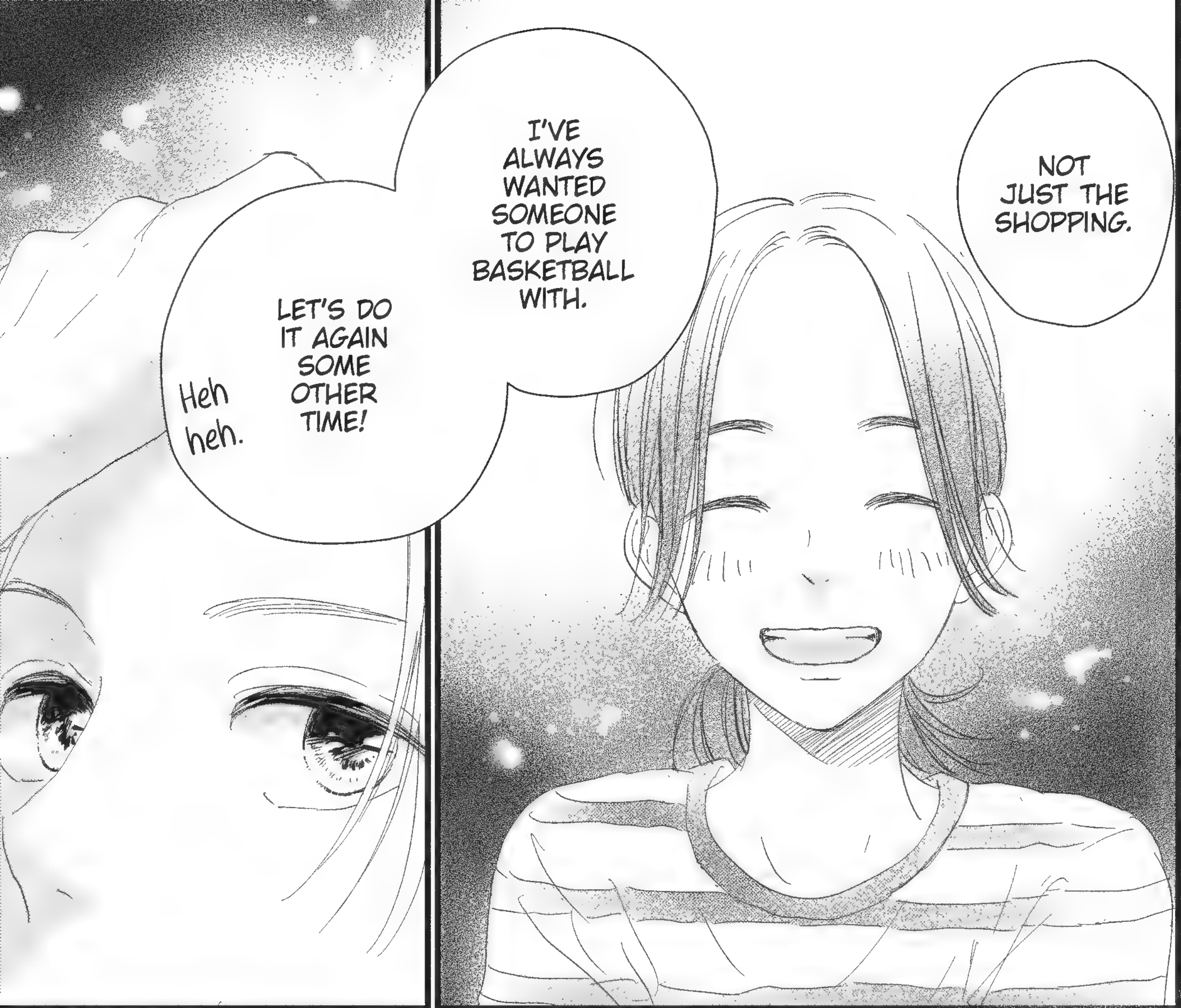


She's
awe-
some.

Whooooa.

Check
it out.





THAT
HASN'T
REALLY
CHANGED.

WELL, EVER
SINCE I STARTED
COLLEGE, I FELT
LIKE I...COULDN'T
COMPARE TO THE
GIRLS AROUND
ME.

Just
like
today.



DO I?



DO
YOU NOT
HAVE ANY
FRIENDS?

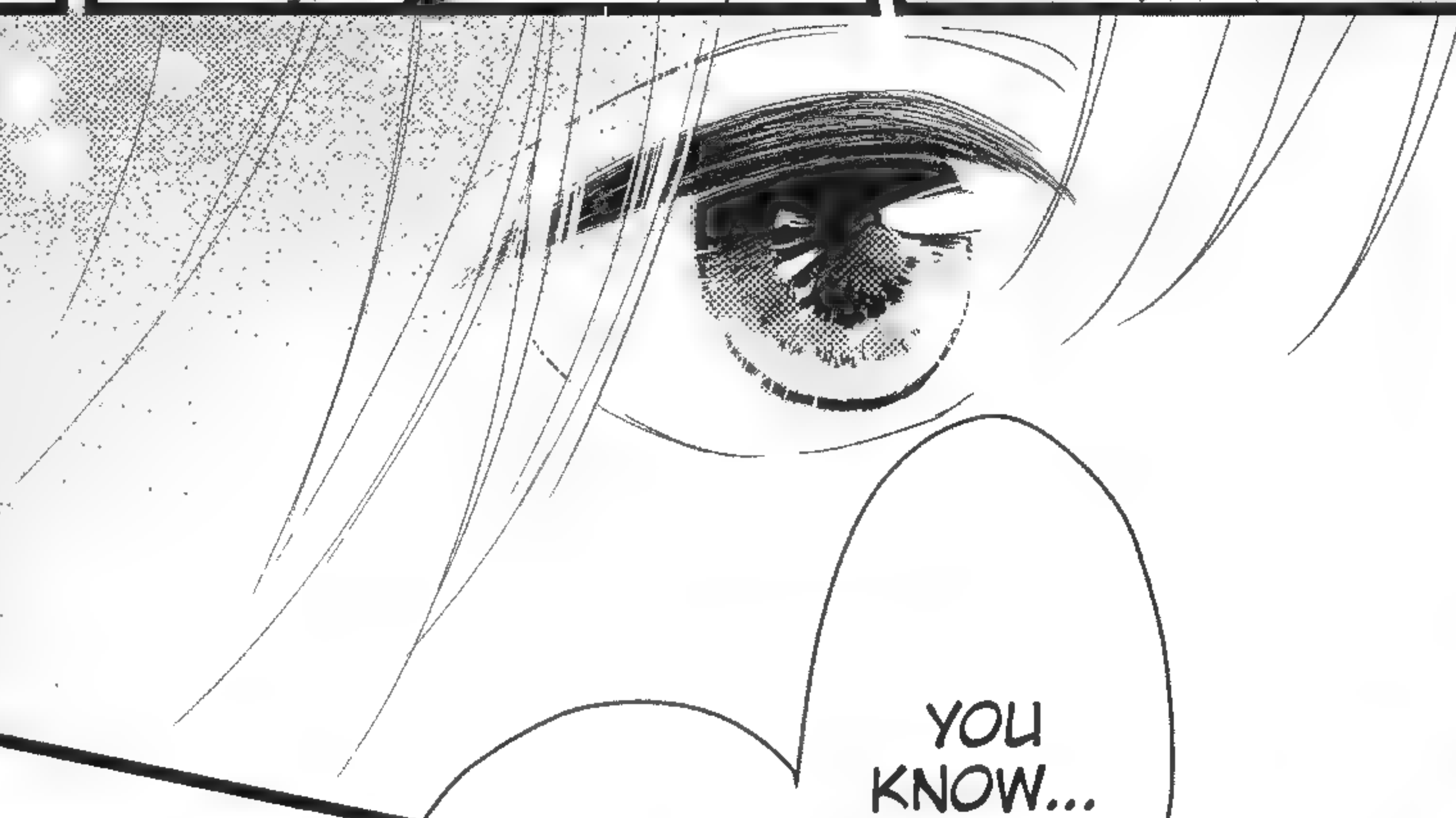
YOU GET
CLINGY
SO FAST.



YOU
KNOW...

WHEN YOU
MESSAGED
ME
EARLIER...

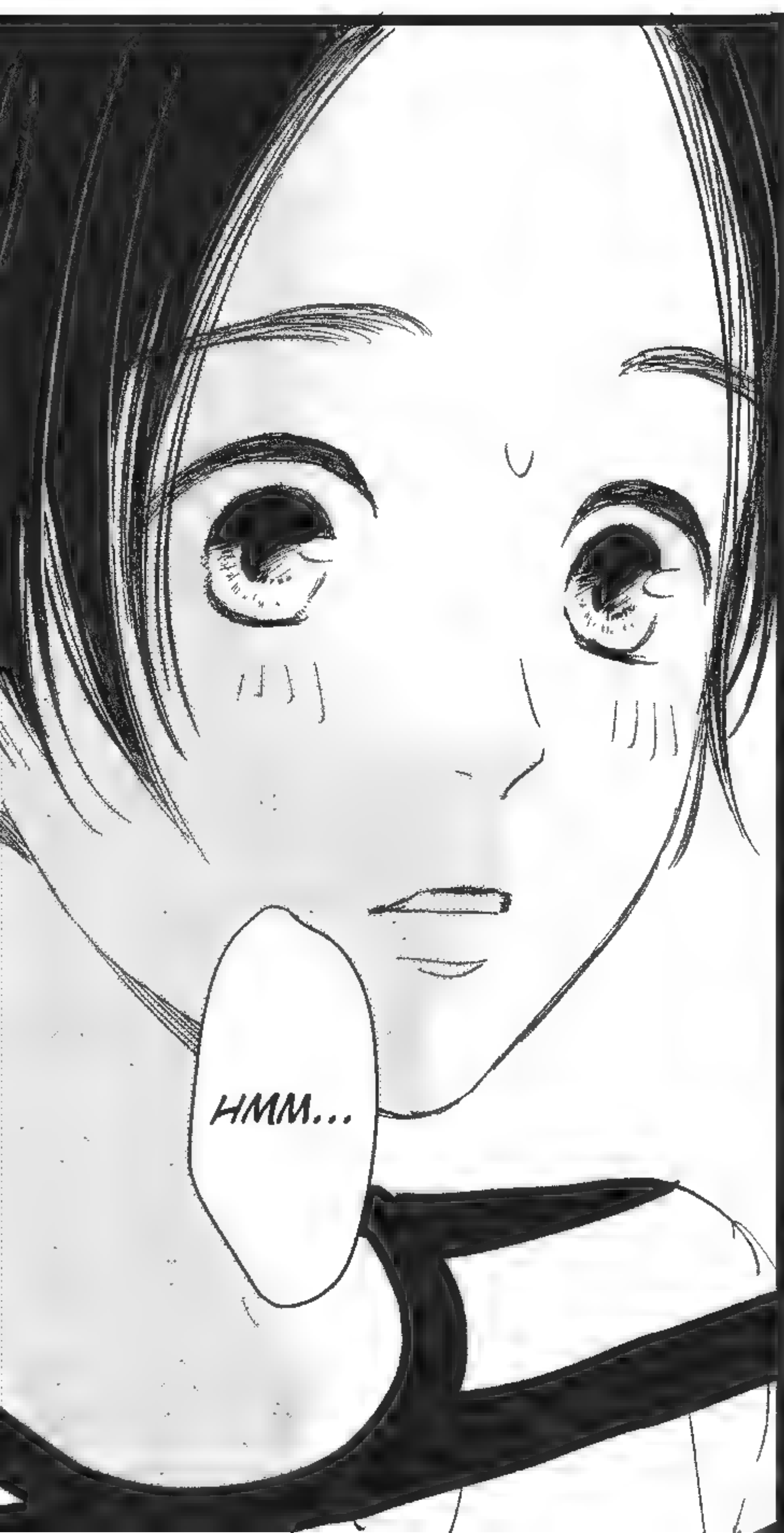
I WAS
SHOCKED.



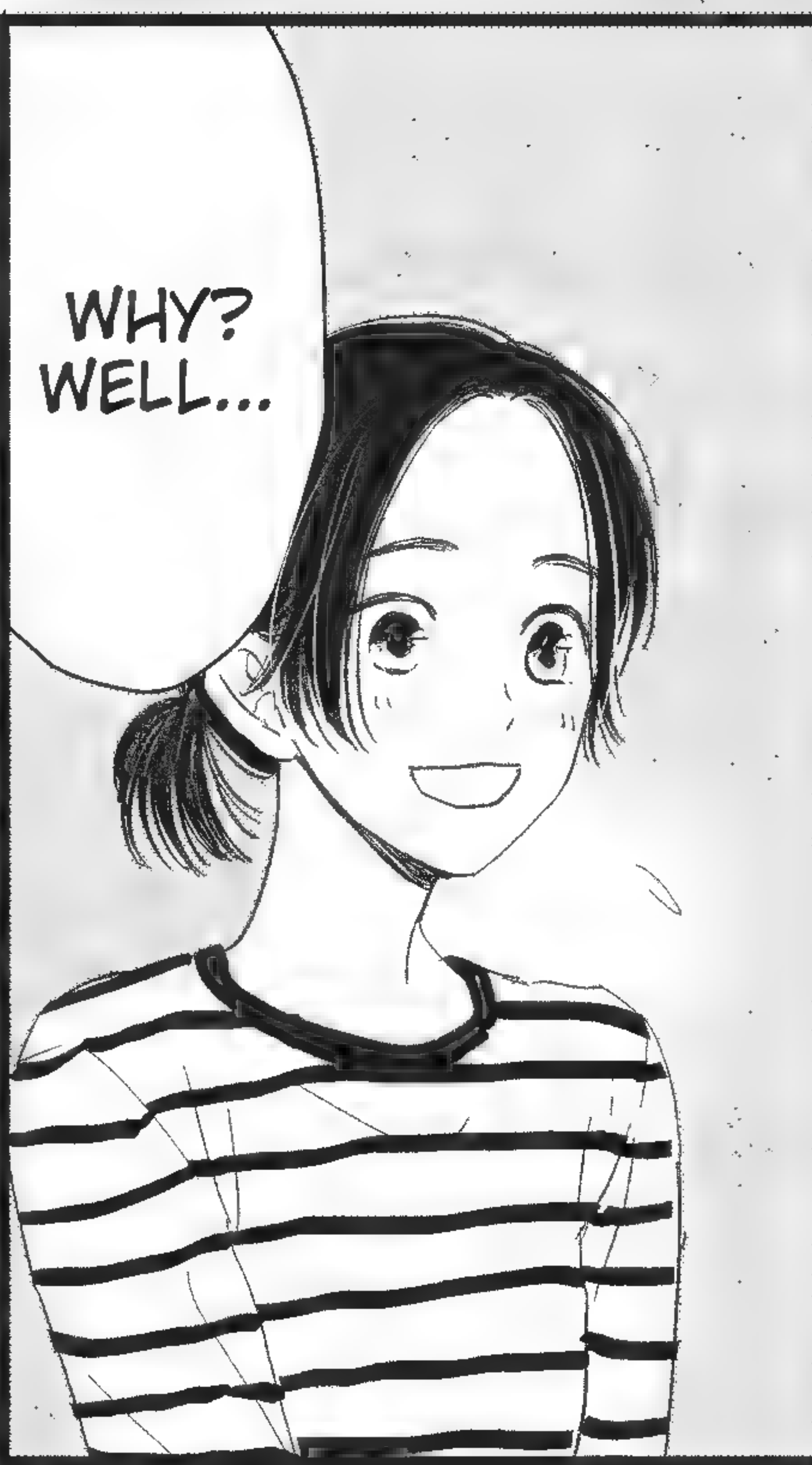


ANYONE
ELSE
WOULD'VE
NEVER
TALKED TO
ME AGAIN.

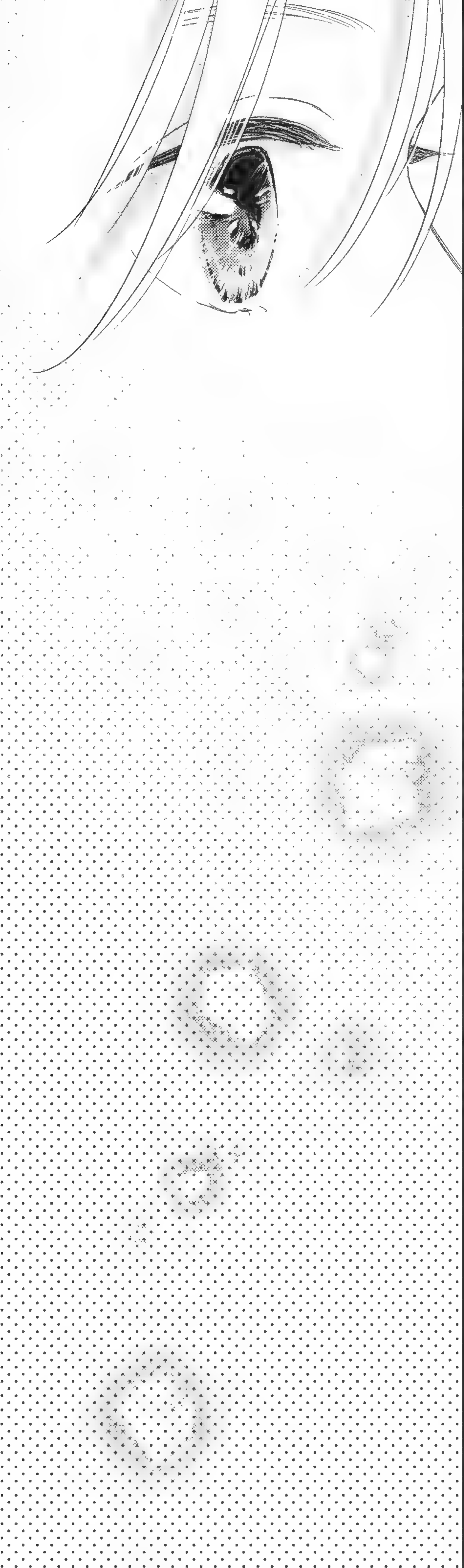
SO
WHY
DID
YOU?



HMM...



WHY?
WELL...



I JUST
WANT...



TO BE
FRIENDS
WITH YOU,
HIKARU-
SAN.



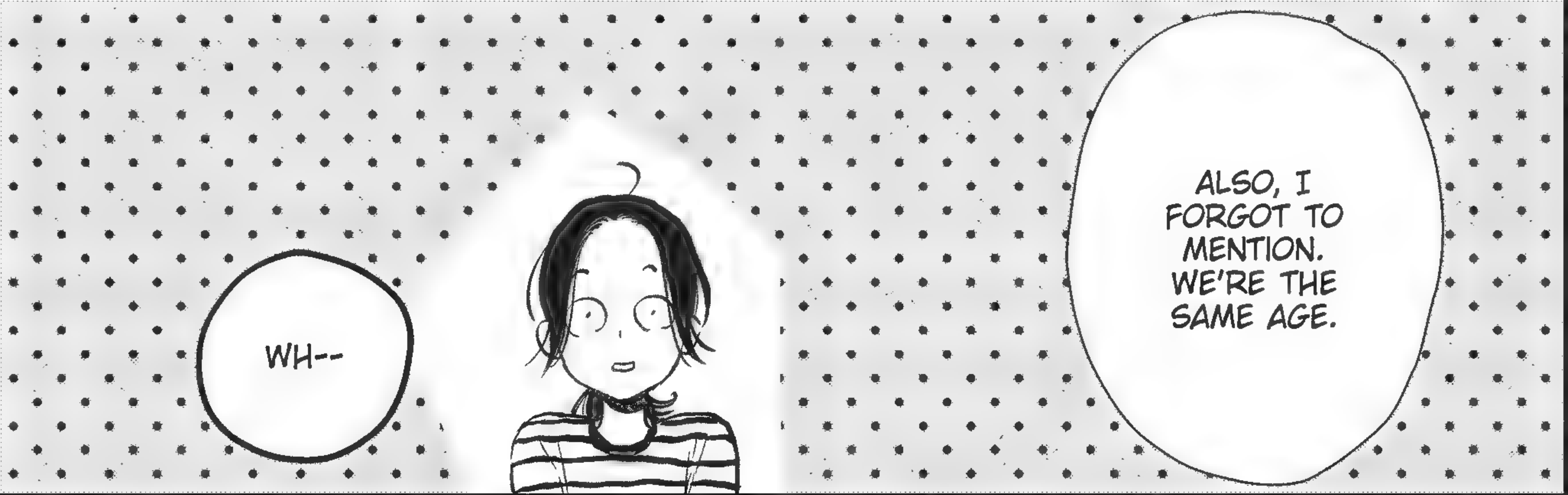


JUST
CALL ME
HIKARU.

IF YOU'RE
SO DAMN
INSISTENT
ON IT, MAY
AS WELL.

WE'RE
GONNA BE
FRIENDS,
RIGHT?

NO NEED
TO BE SO
FORMAL
WITH THE
HONORIFICS,
THEN.



WH--

ALSO, I FORGOT TO MENTION. WE'RE THE SAME AGE.



CHEEKY, AREN'T WE?
That was awfully quick.

You should've mentioned that earlier!

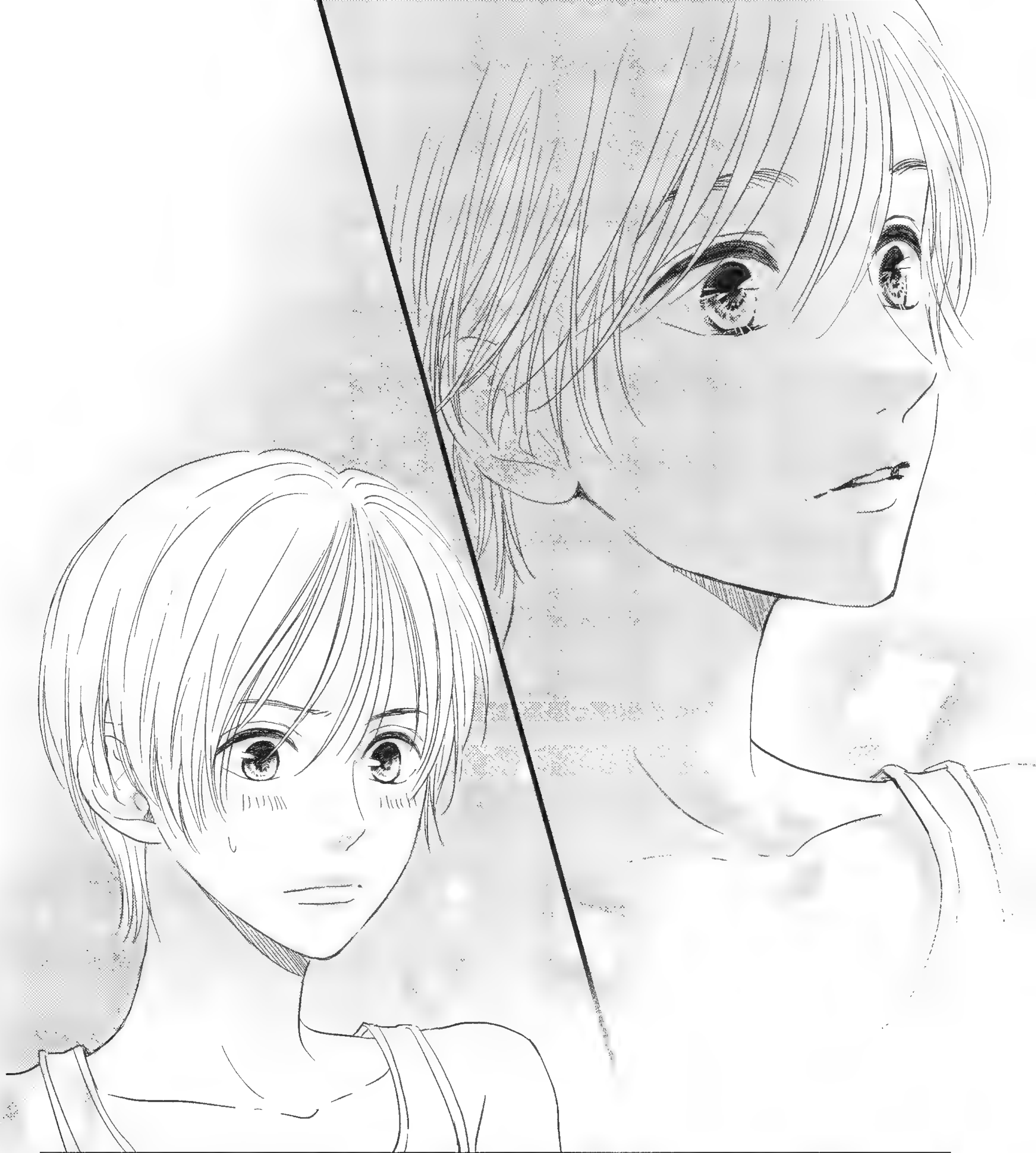
Whaaaaa?!
OH, GOSH!
I'VE BEEN WAY TOO WEIRDLY POLITE WITH YOU, HAVEN'T I?!



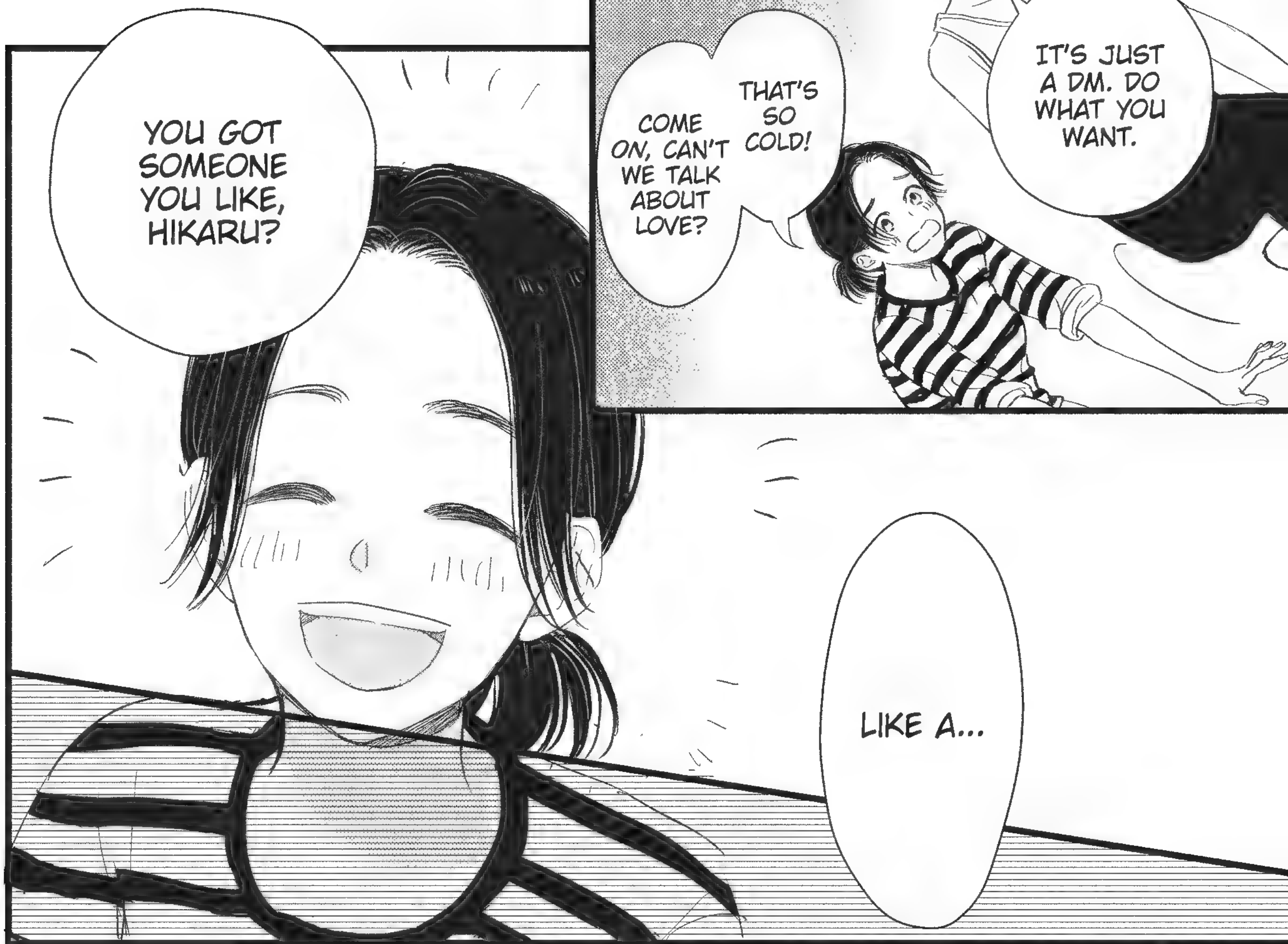
LET'S BE BEST BUDS!

ALL RIGHTY THEN!

HIKARU!









**A SECRET,
DUMBASSSS!**

FWOO

131
?

ARGH!

IT'S...





RELAX.

I WOULDN'T
FALL IN LOVE
WITH A GIRL
LIKE YOU,
ANYWAY.



Ah ha
ha ha!

TOO
EASY.

You
totally
fell for
it.

AAWWWWGH!

WHAT
THE
HECK
WAS
THAT?!

BPBPBPBP!

HOW DID
YOU KNOW
THAT?!

SOMEONE
WHO TAKES
THEIR BRA
OFF THE
SECOND THEY
GET HOME IS
RIGHT OUT.



A LITTLE
BIT OF MY
HIGH SCHOOL
DREAMS
CAME TRUE.

BUT
TODAY...

Things I Wanna Do in COLLEGE Relay!

- ☐ Join a club and keep playing basketball 🏀
- ☐ Grow my hair out.
- ☐ Make lots of friends
- ☐ Get a café gig and make some mocha! ☕
- ☐ Study up at a coffee shop!
- ☐ Level up my fashion! Gotta keep polishing my looks!
- ☐ Live the college campus experience.
- ☐ Get a boyfriend and have a wonderful romance!

THIS
ISN'T
HOW I
IMAGINED
IT'D GO.

How about we meet up in front of the Harajuku station around X o'clock?

HARUKA

Okay! Thanks!

You okay with cilantro?

HARUKA

Um, I've never had it before. I'm willing to try!

BLUNT AS A HAMMER, THAT GIRL.

FWOO

3 1 7

I'LL GET TO LIVE THE DREAM I'D GIVEN UP ON.



Get a boyfriend and have a wonderful romance.♡

AND NOW...

THINGS ARE REALLY LOOKING UP...

RIGHT?

The thought that you wouldn't forget my clothes is absurd.

Look, the washing machine isn't far from my apartment's door!

I'll wash 'em later! All at once!

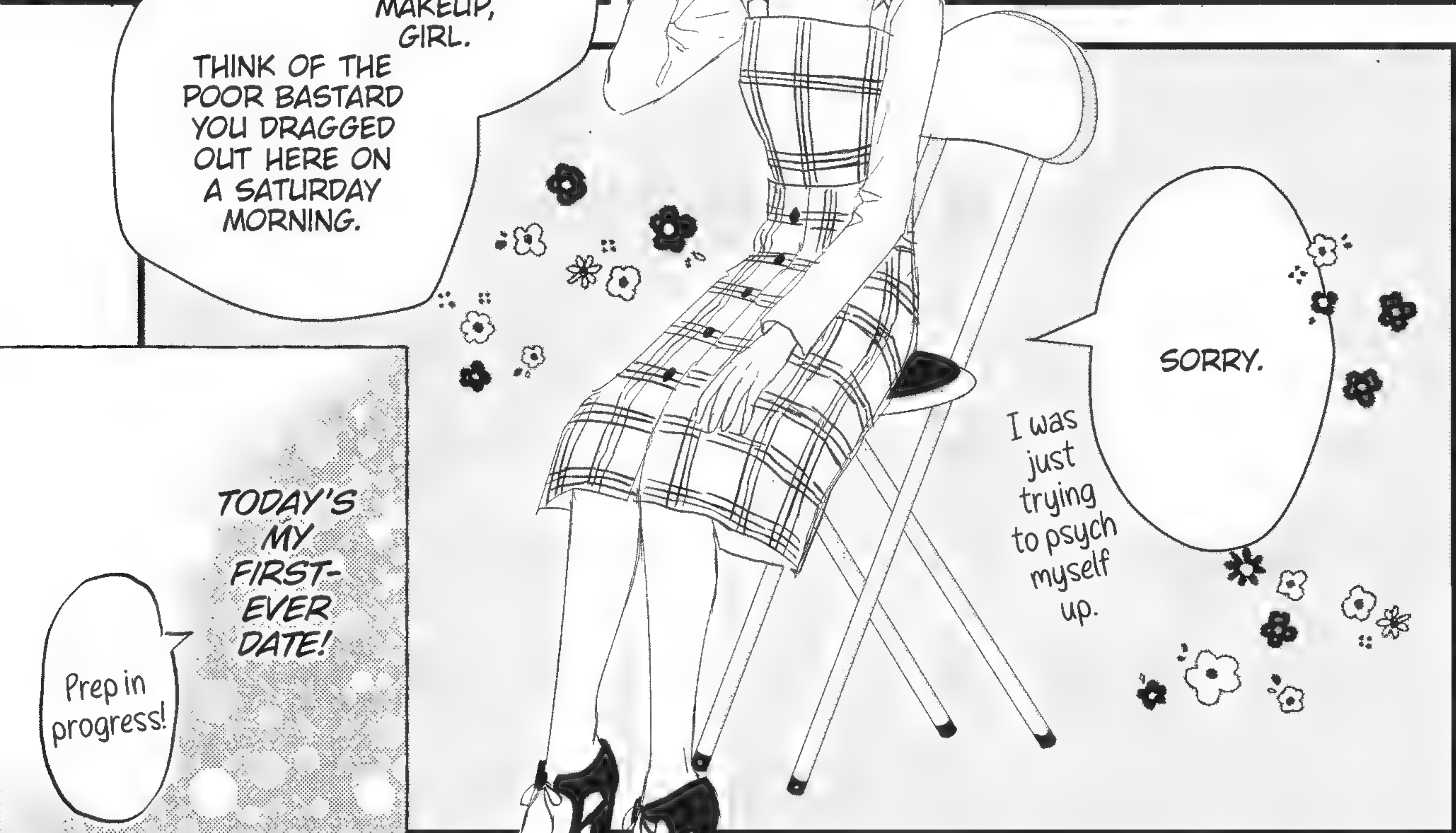
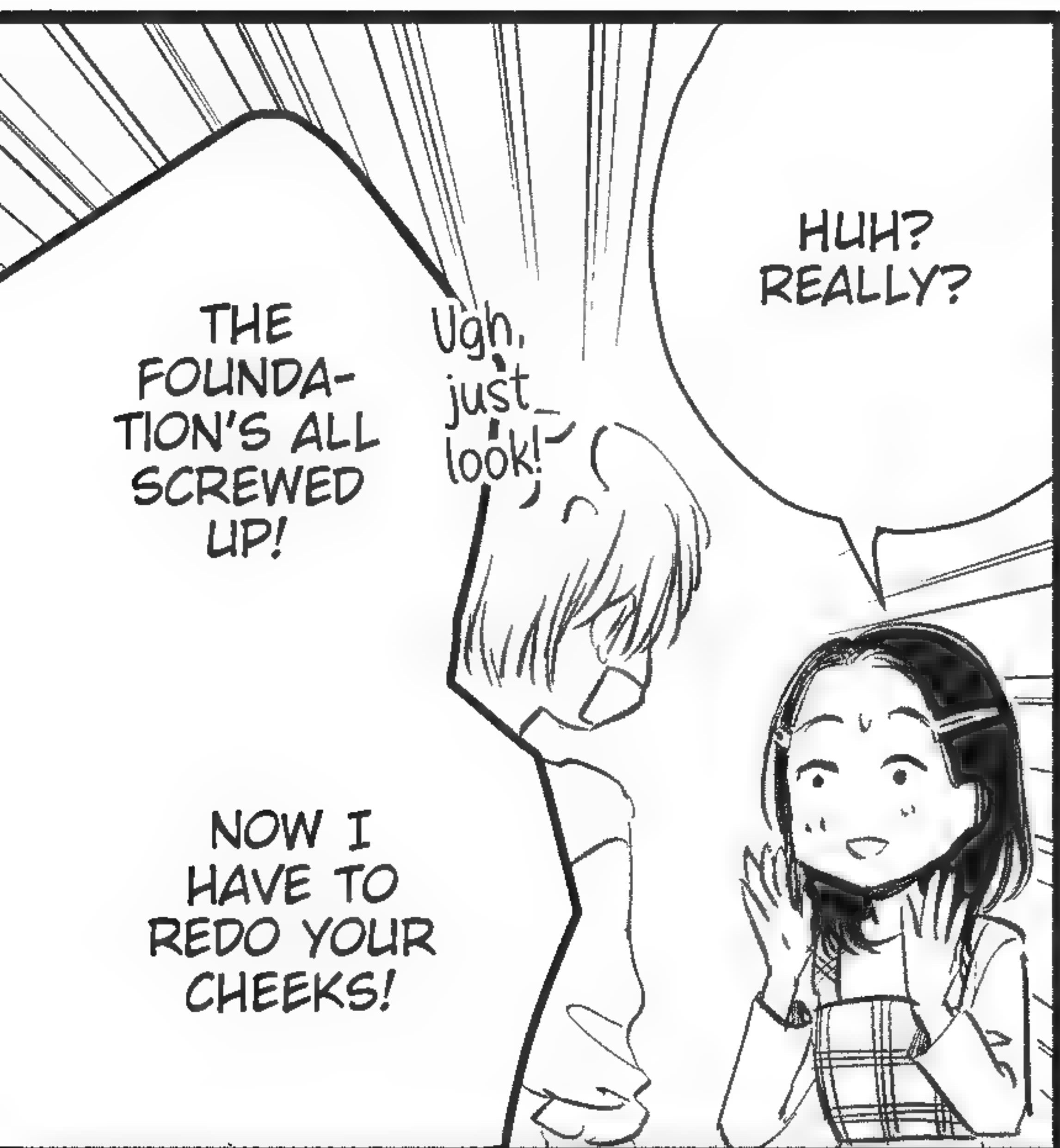
Like you'd ever remember.

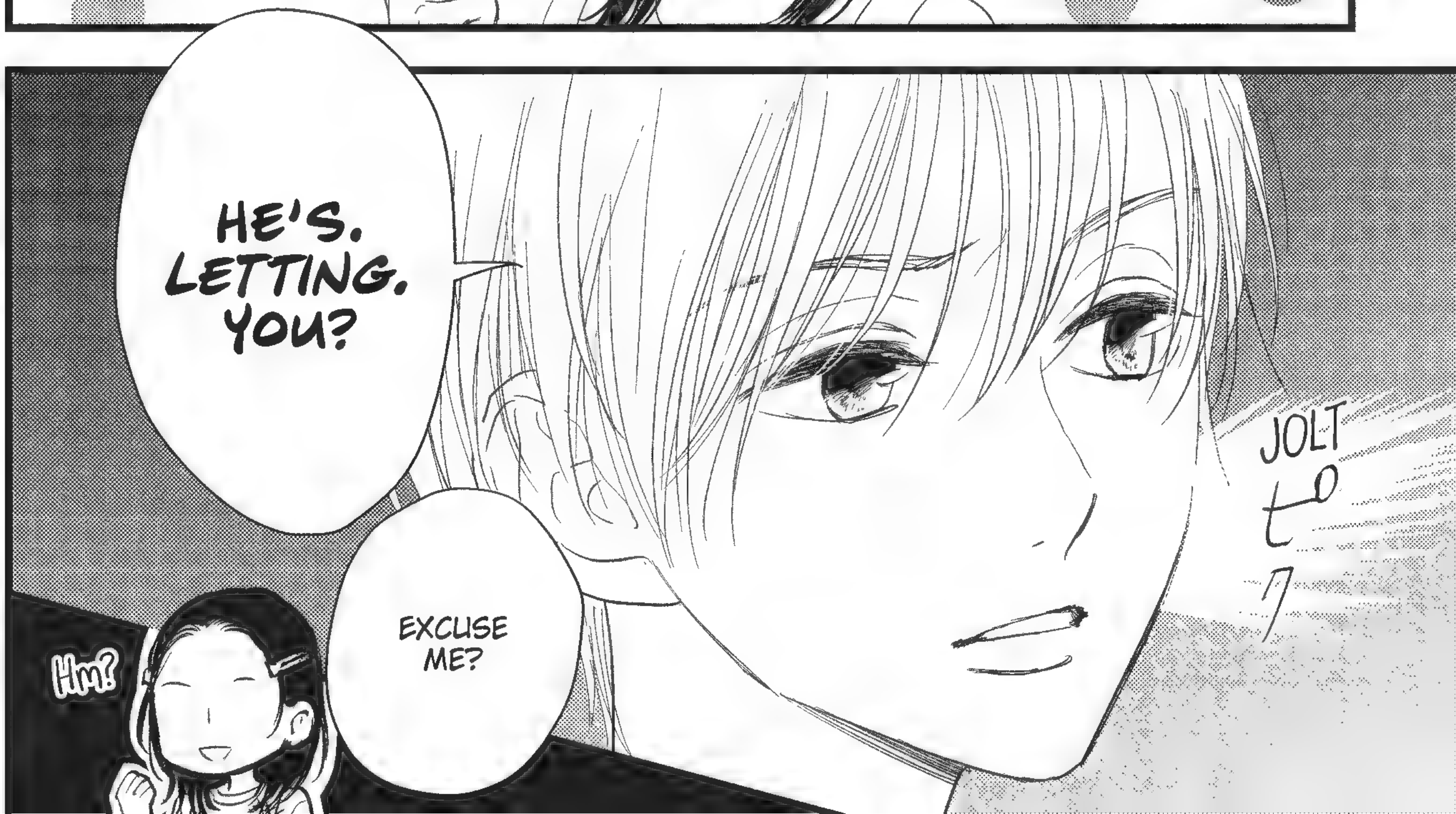
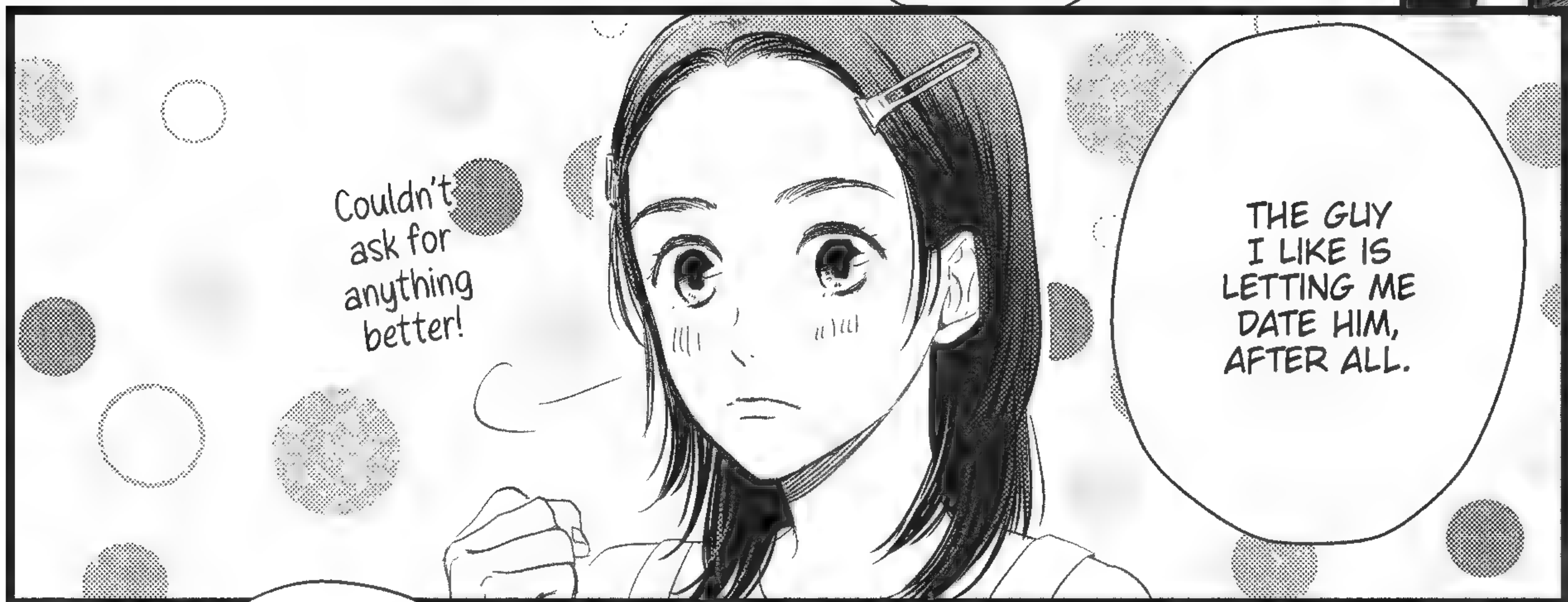
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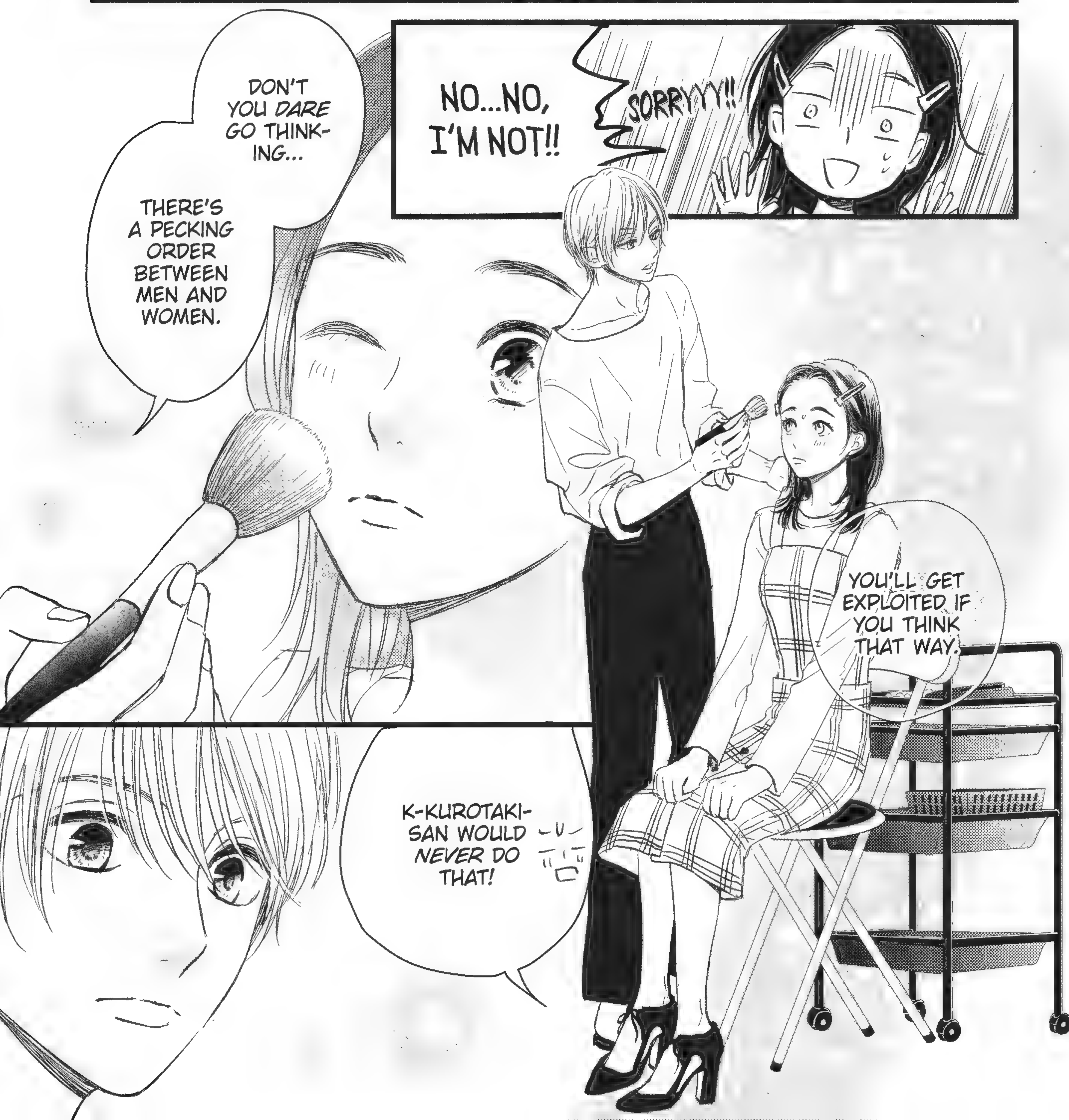


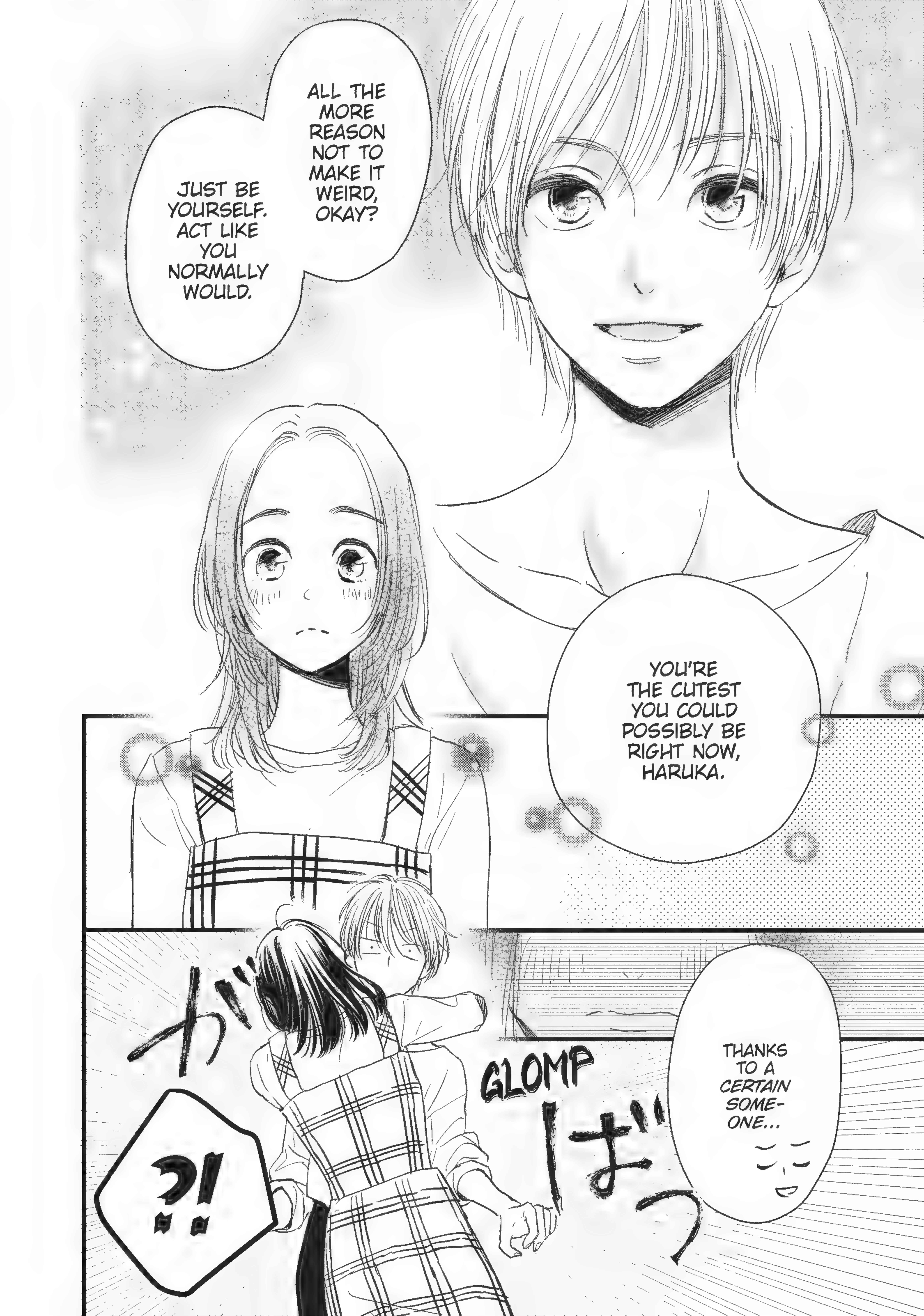


Cinderella Closet









JUST BE
YOURSELF.
ACT LIKE
YOU
NORMALLY
WOULD.

ALL THE
MORE
REASON
NOT TO
MAKE IT
WEIRD,
OKAY?

YOU'RE
THE CUTEST
YOU COULD
POSSIBLY BE
RIGHT NOW,
HARUKA.

THANKS
TO A
CERTAIN
SOME-
ONE...

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GLOMP
はっ

?!
★ ★



**THANK
YOU!**

**THANK
YOU SO
MUCH,
HIKARU!**

HEY!

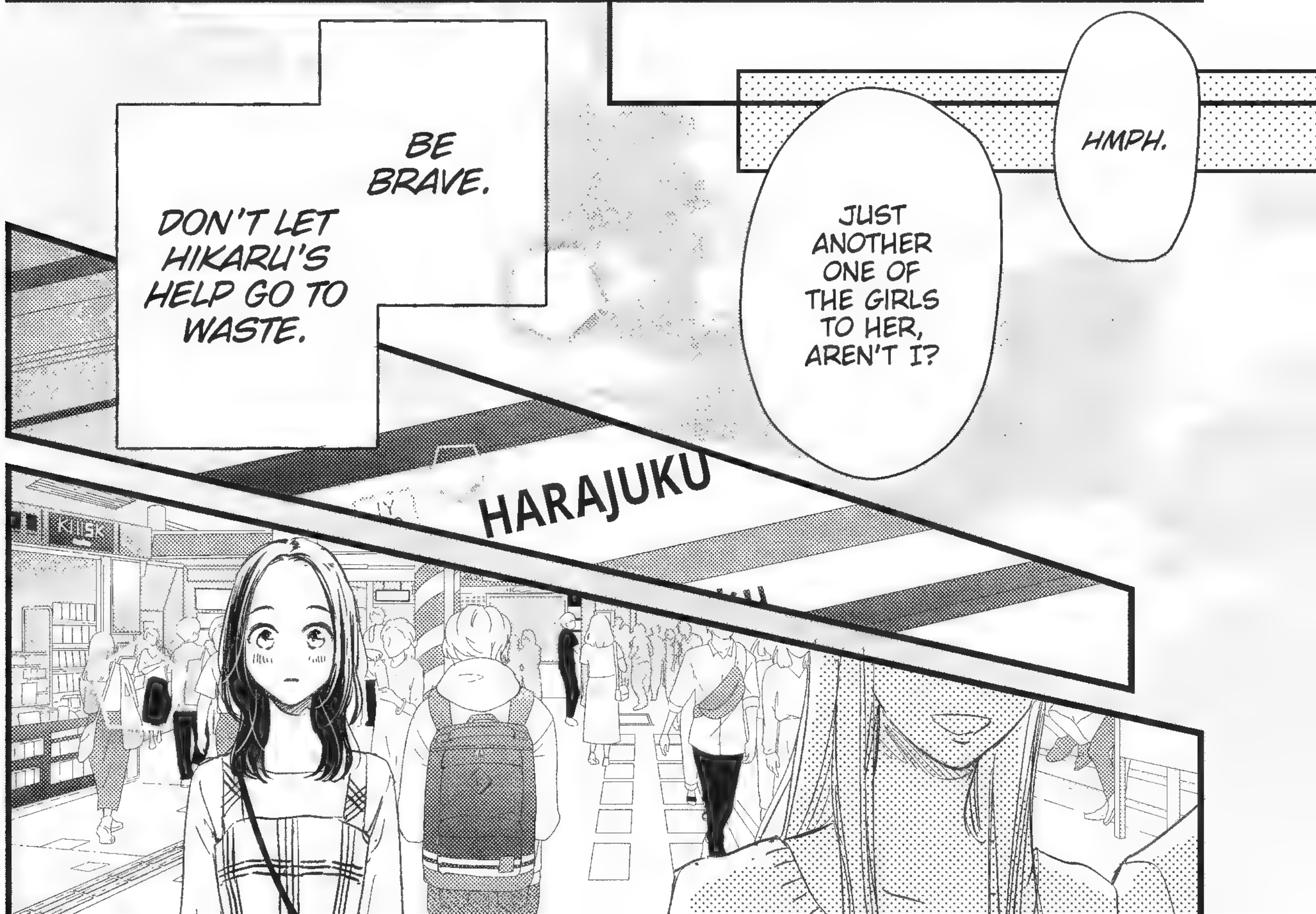
**I'M SO
GLAD WE
BECAME
FRIENDS!**

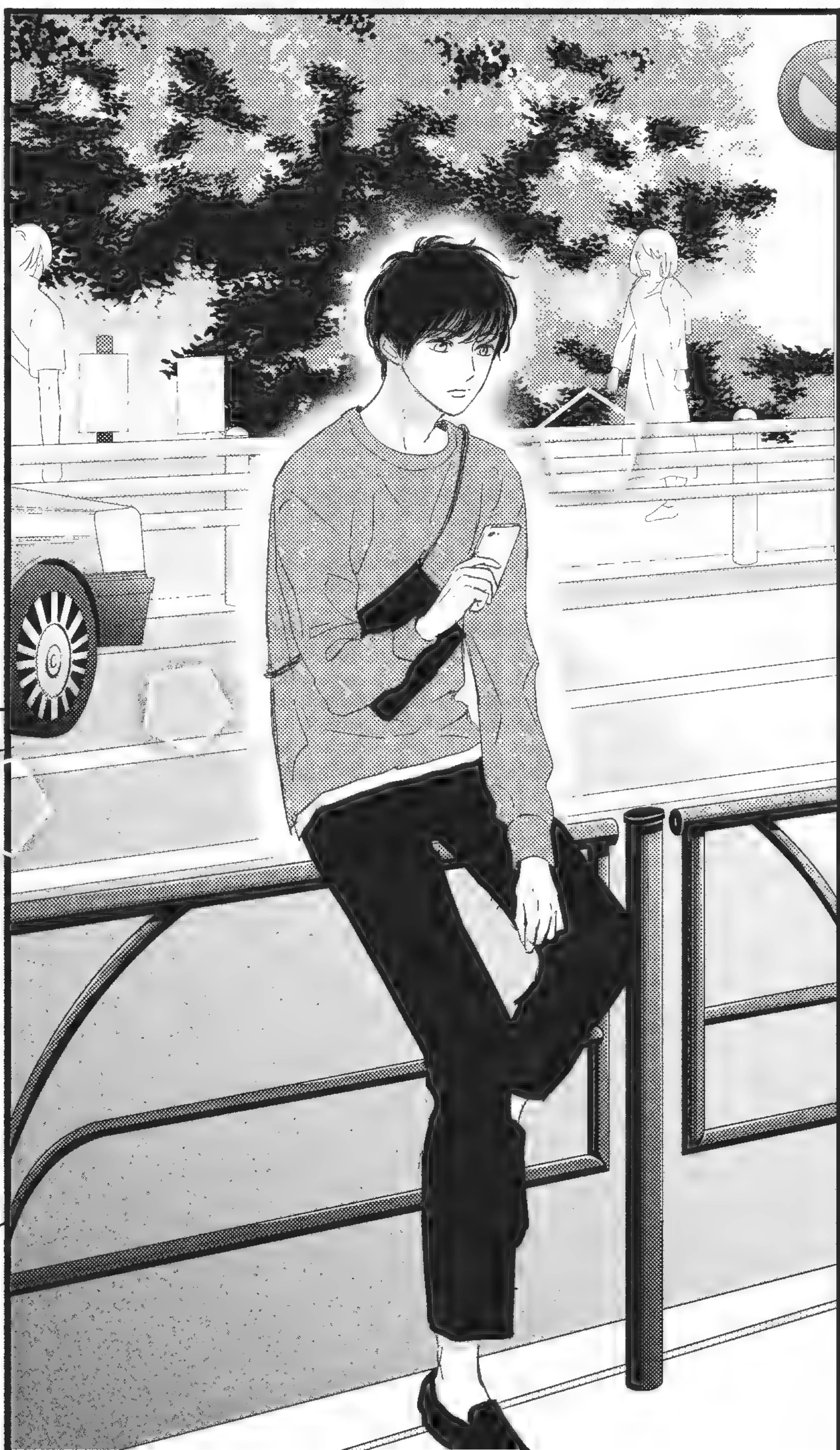


**LOVE
YOU!!**

**NO MATTER
WHAT, I'LL
BE THERE
FOR YOU!**

**IF YOU
EVER NEED
ANYTHING,
PLEASE LET
ME KNOW!**





I'M DECKED
OUT AND
READY TO
SHOW OFF
TODAY, TOO!

NO
PROBLEM.

IT'S
OKAY.

KUROTAKI-
SAN!

Sorry to
keep you
waiting!

I ain't no
wingman,
thanks.

HIKARU'S
GOT MY
BACK!

WHOA!

CUTE!



THANKS.

YOU
LOOK
GREAT!

SUPER
FEMININE!
IT REALLY
SUITS
YOU!

HUH?!

WEARING
YOUR HAIR
DOWN REALLY
PULLS
THE LOOK
TOGETHER,
TOO!



OH GOD,
HE'S SO
DIRECT!



OH YEAH.
WHERE ARE
WE GOING?

YOU
MENTIONED
SOMETHING
ABOUT
CILANTRO?

I OWE
HIKARU SO
MUCH...

AIGHT!
LET'S GET
GOIN'.

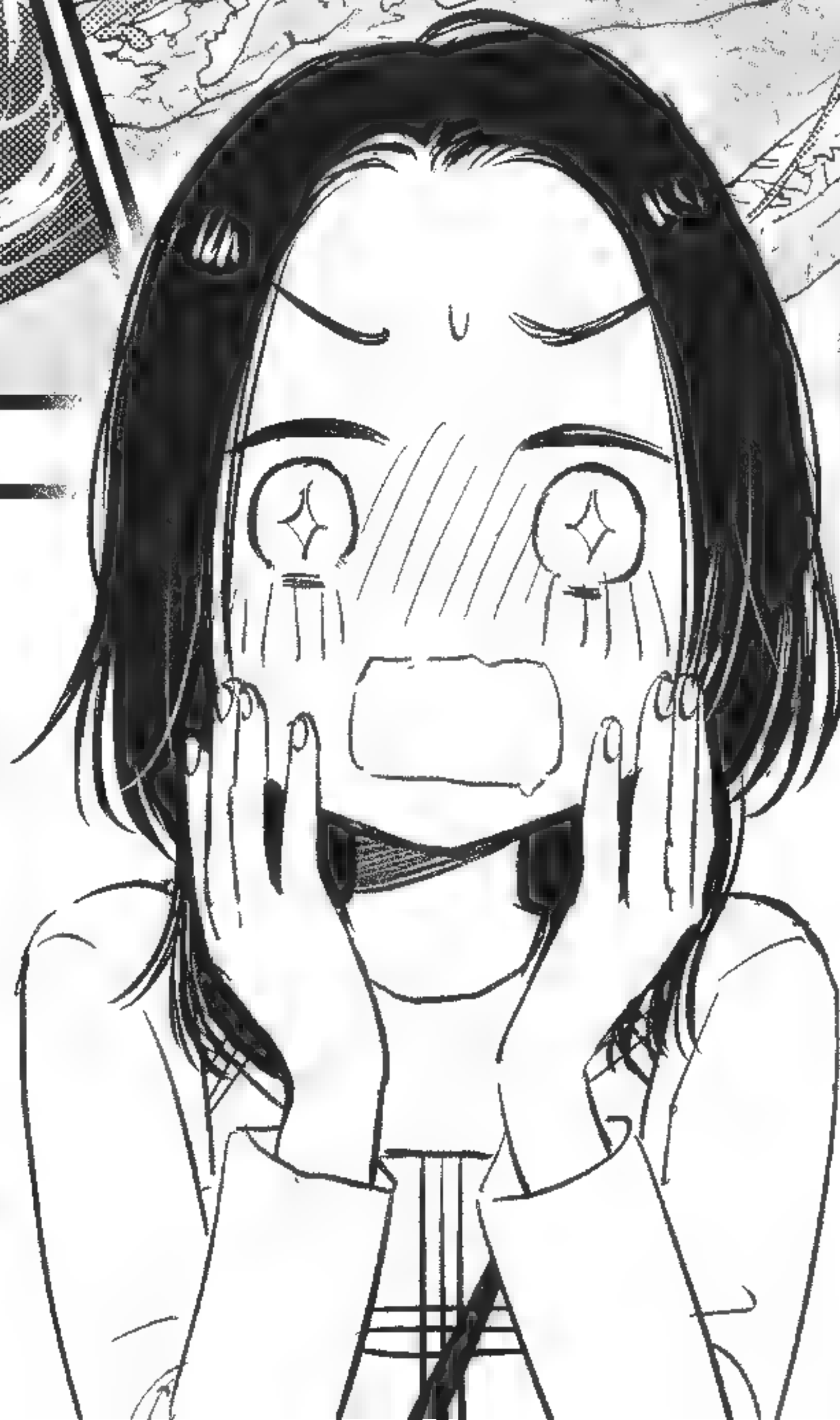


SOMEWHERE
YOU'VE
DEFINITELY
NEVER BEEN
BEFORE.



IT ALL
LOOKS
SOOO
TASTY!!

OH...
MY
GOD.





Enh
I guess.

ALWAYS
GREAT
TO SEE A
NEWBIE'S
REACTION.

I'VE
NEVER HAD
VIETNAM-
ESE FOOD
BEFORE!!

※ There's usually some event
happening somewhere in
Tokyo on the weekends!

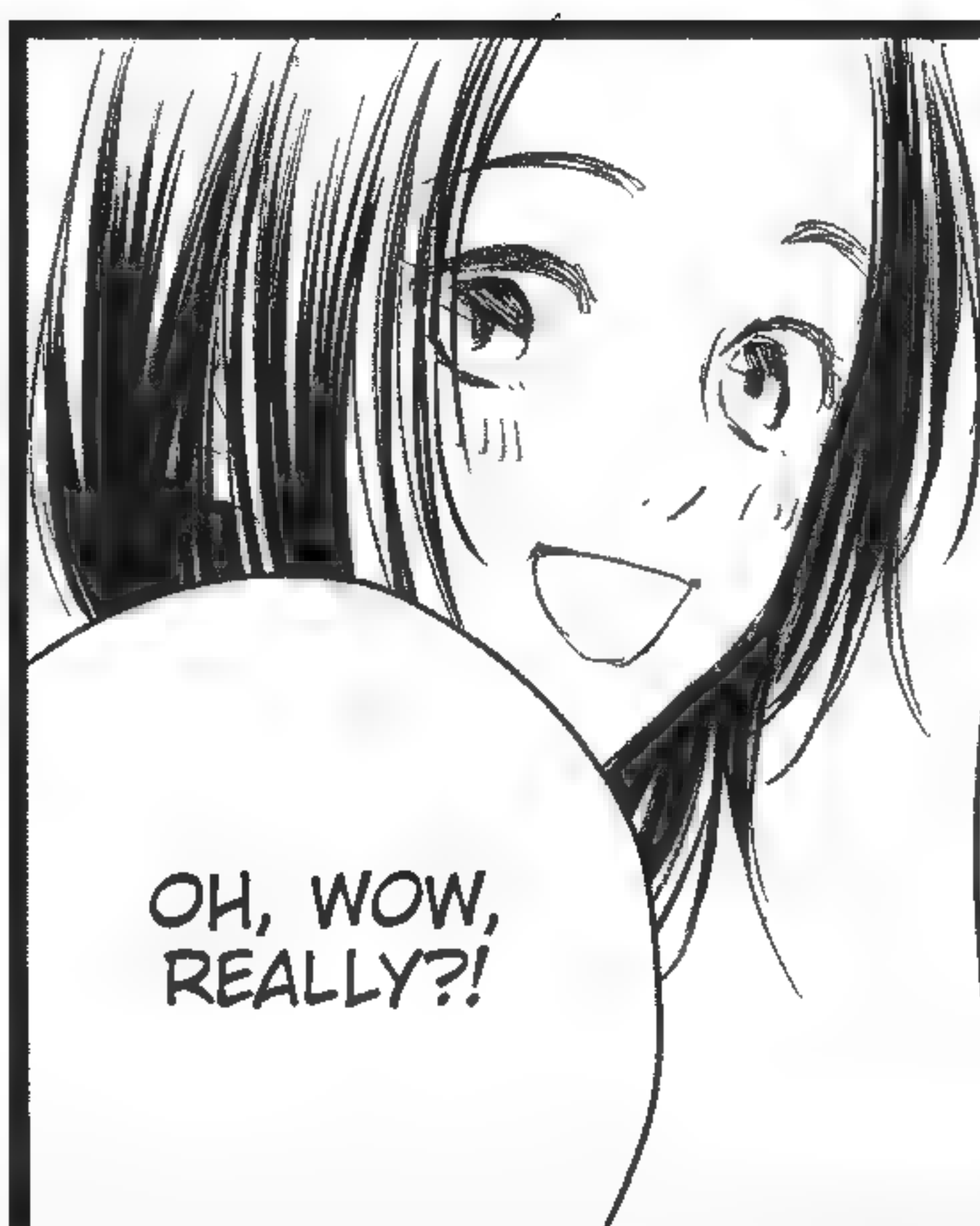
Today it's the
Vietnamese Food
Festival!

WHO KNEW
YOU COULD
FIND A FEAST
LIKE THIS IN
TOKYO?!

I
certainly
didn't!!



AHA,
THERE
HE IS.



OH, WOW,
REALLY?!

GLAD
TO HEAR
YOU'RE
EXCITED.

A PAL OF
MINE'S RUN-
NING A STAND
HERE. 'SWHY
I CHOSE THIS
FOR THE DATE.

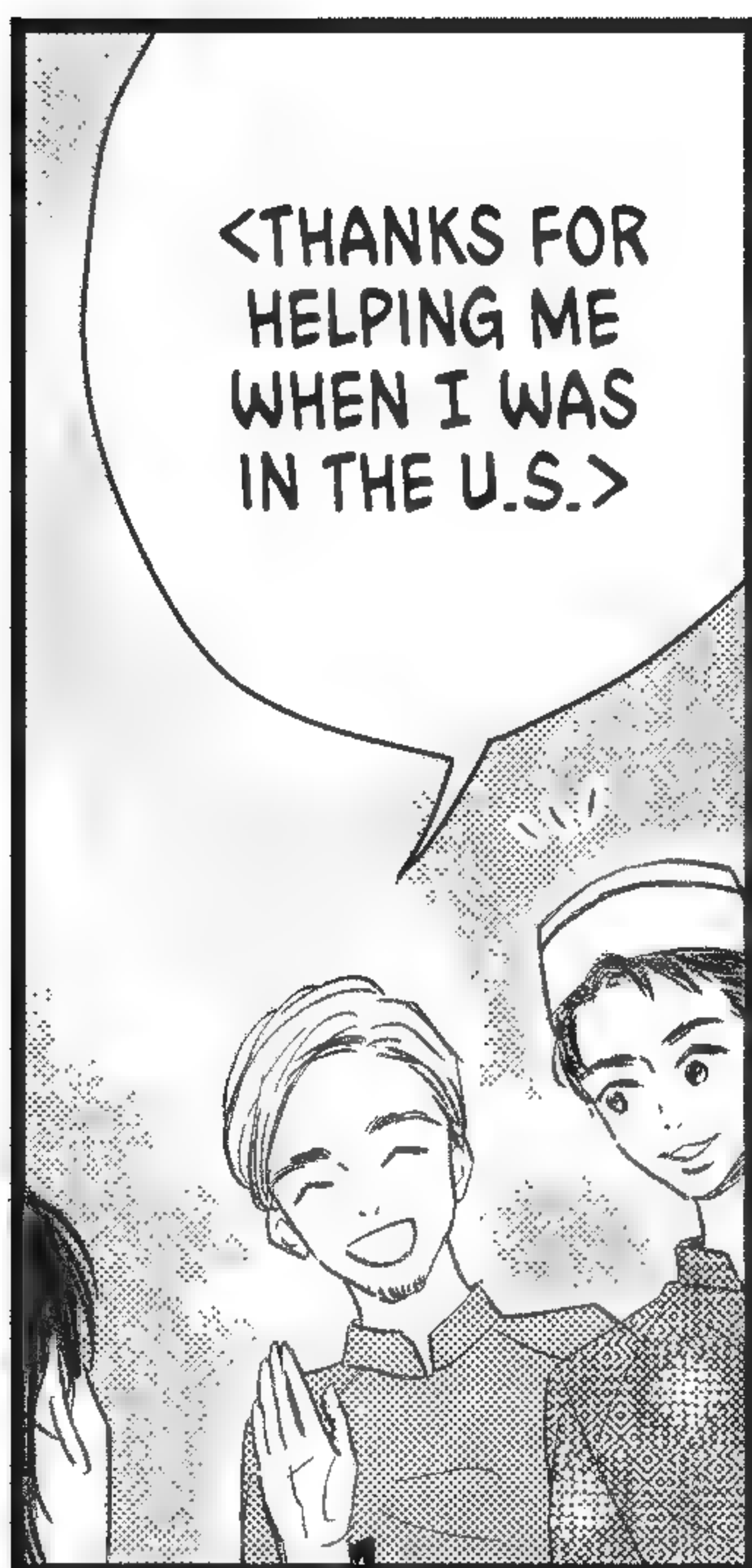


TAO!

KEISUKE!

Hey!
WOW,
YOU'VE
GOTTEN A
LOT BETTER
AT SPEAKING
JAPANESE!

Been a
while!

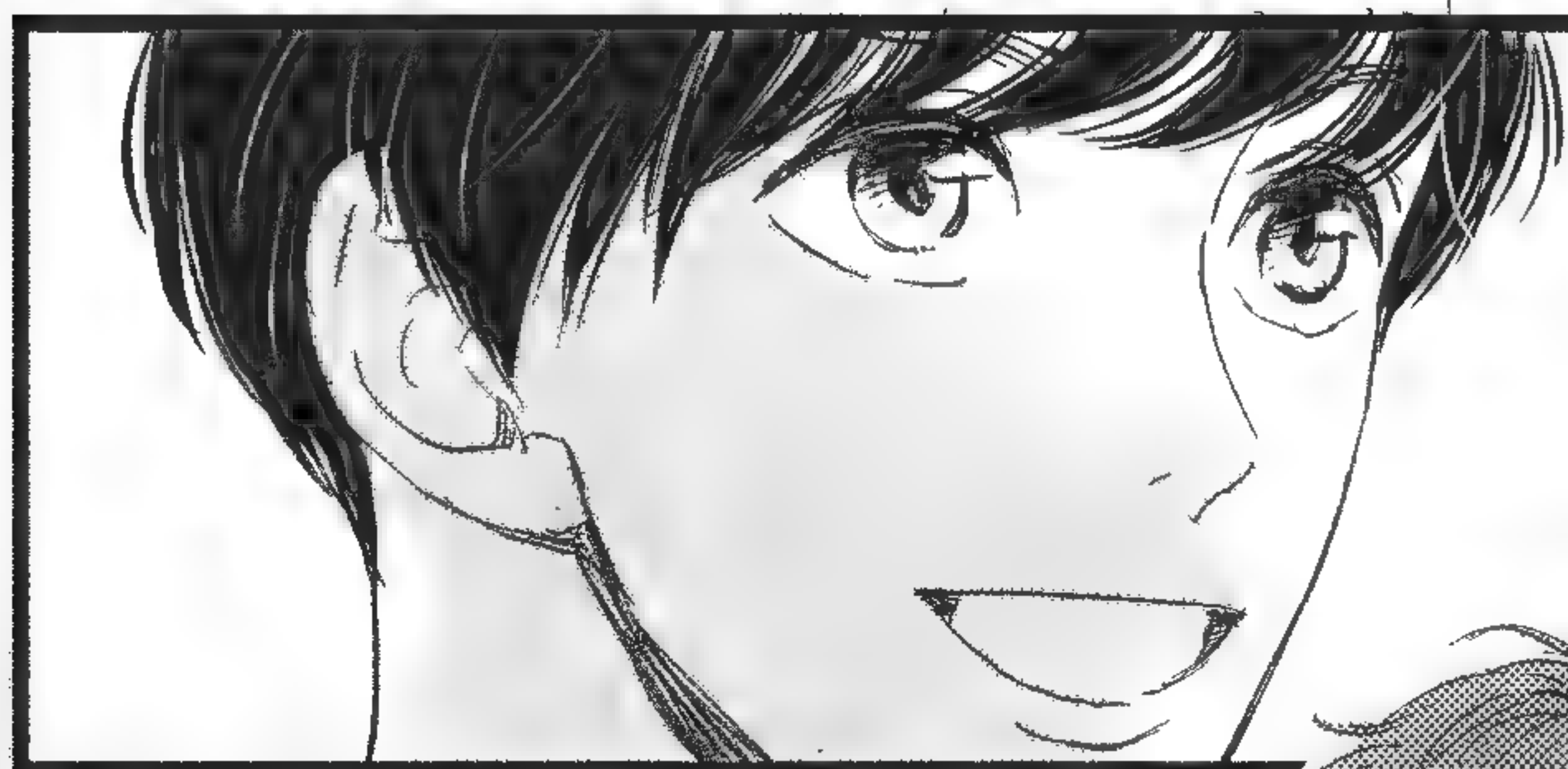
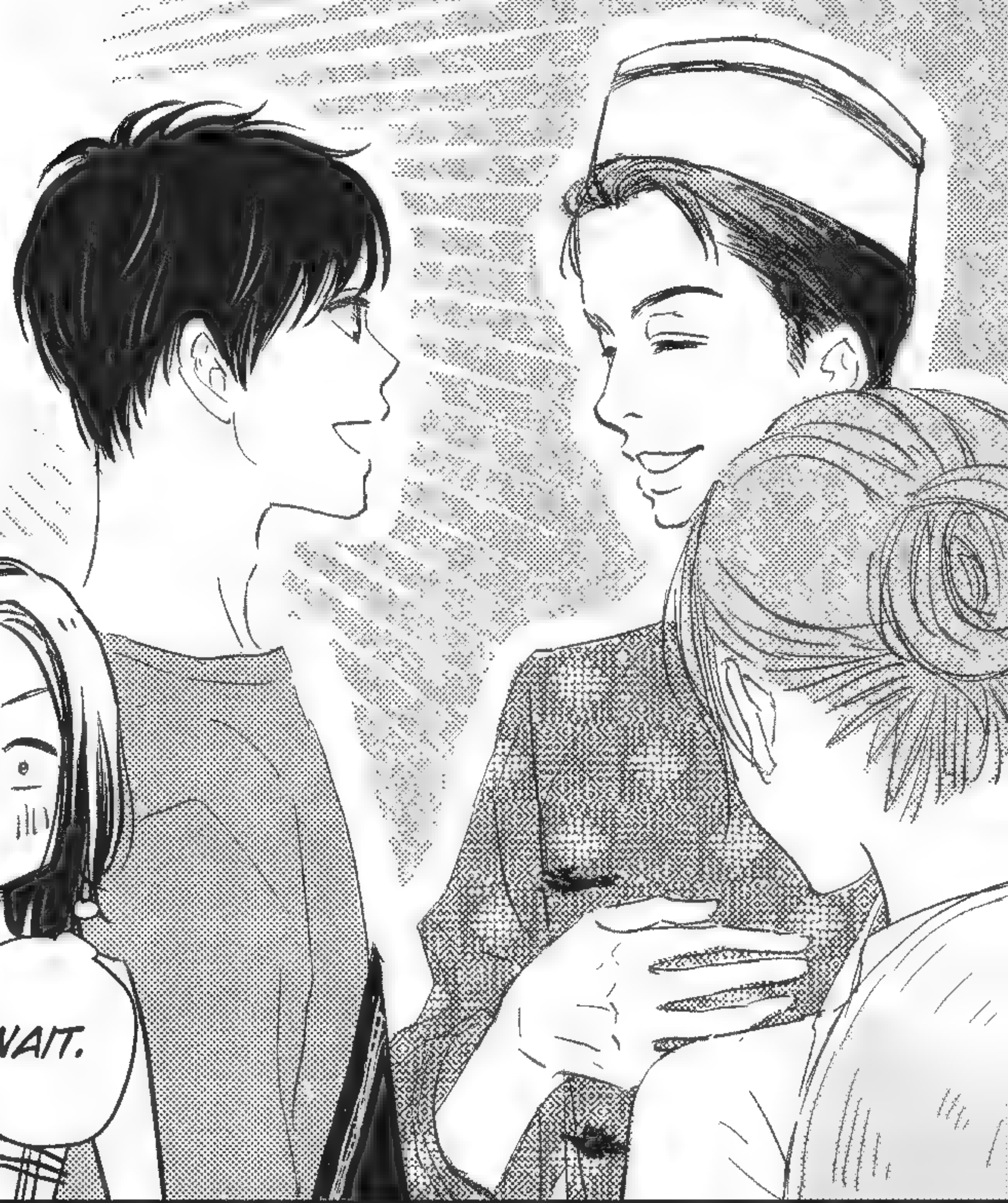


KUROTAKI-SAN'S GOT FRIENDS ALL OVER THE WORLD!!

HE WAS A TRANSFER STUDENT A WHILE BACK, RIGHT?

I GUESS IT MAKES SENSE HE'D KNOW PEOPLE OUTSIDE JAPAN.

WAIT.



<OH, THANK YOU, TOO!>



<ARE YOU STUDYING JAPANESE NOW?>

<LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND TOKYO.>

<COUNTING ON YOU!>



SHOULD
HE EVEN BE
SPENDING
TIME WITH
ME?

HON-
ESTLY...

HOLY
CRAP!

KUROTAKI-
SAN...

HE'S
WAY TOO
COOL!

HE'S WAY
OUT OF MY
LEAGUE.

HE ASKED,
"YOU HERE
WITH A
FRIEND?"

AND
THEN...

HM?

UH...

Been
slacking
since I got
back.

PHEW!
HAVEN'T
SPOKEN THAT
MUCH ENGLISH
IN A HOT
MINUTE.

You were
amazing!

WHAT
WERE
YOU TWO
TALKING
ABOUT?



I TOLD
HIM, "I'M
HERE WITH
A GIRL I
LIKE."



CRACK
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!!



SAY,
UHH...

I
SUDDENLY
FEEL LIKE
I'M THE
BUTT OF
SOME
JOKE.

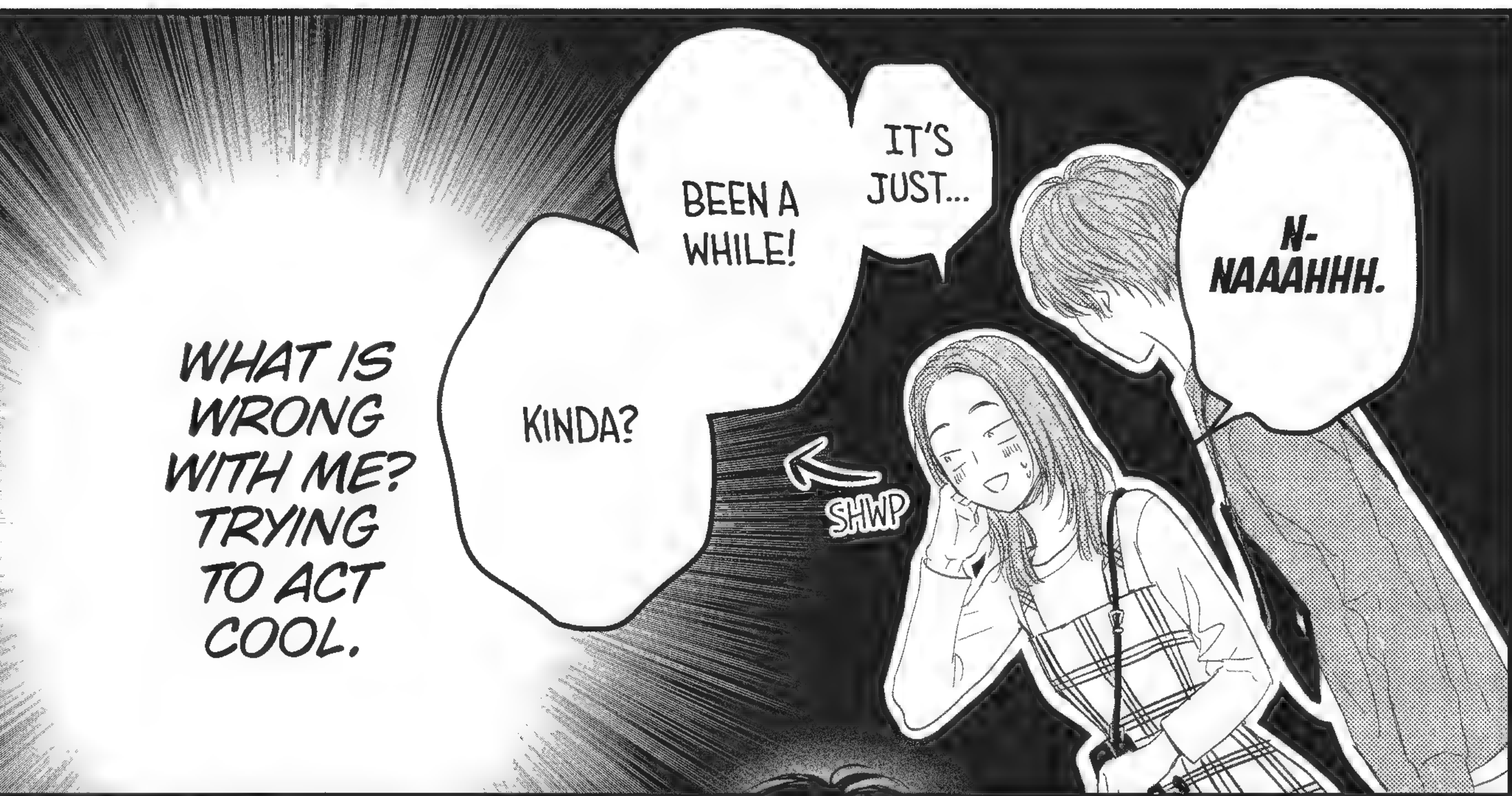
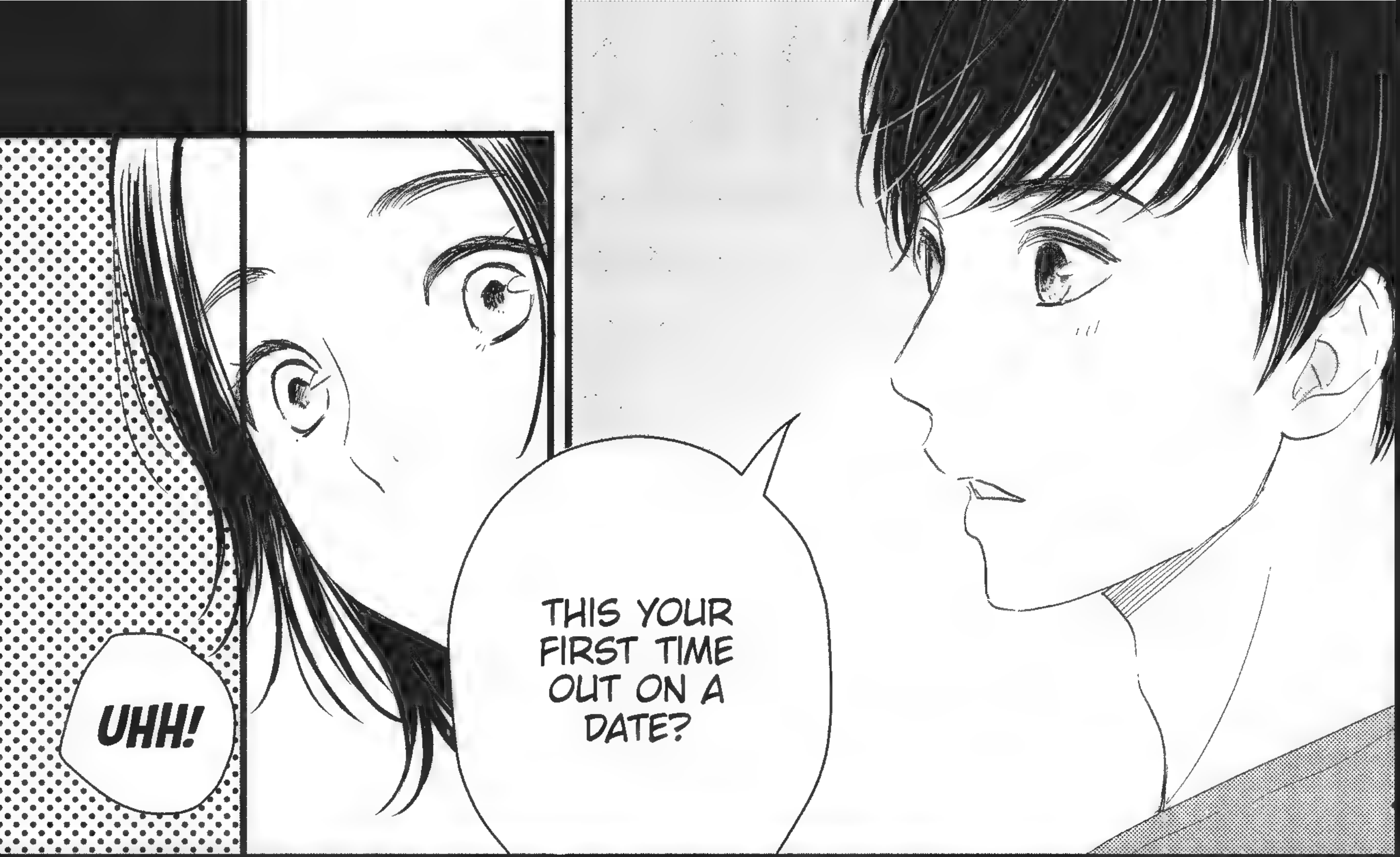


Ha ha ha!

SORRY, I'M
REALLY
NOT USED
TO THIS!

HEY,
YOU ALL
RIGHT?!

OH,
GOD! HOW
EMBAR-
RASSING!



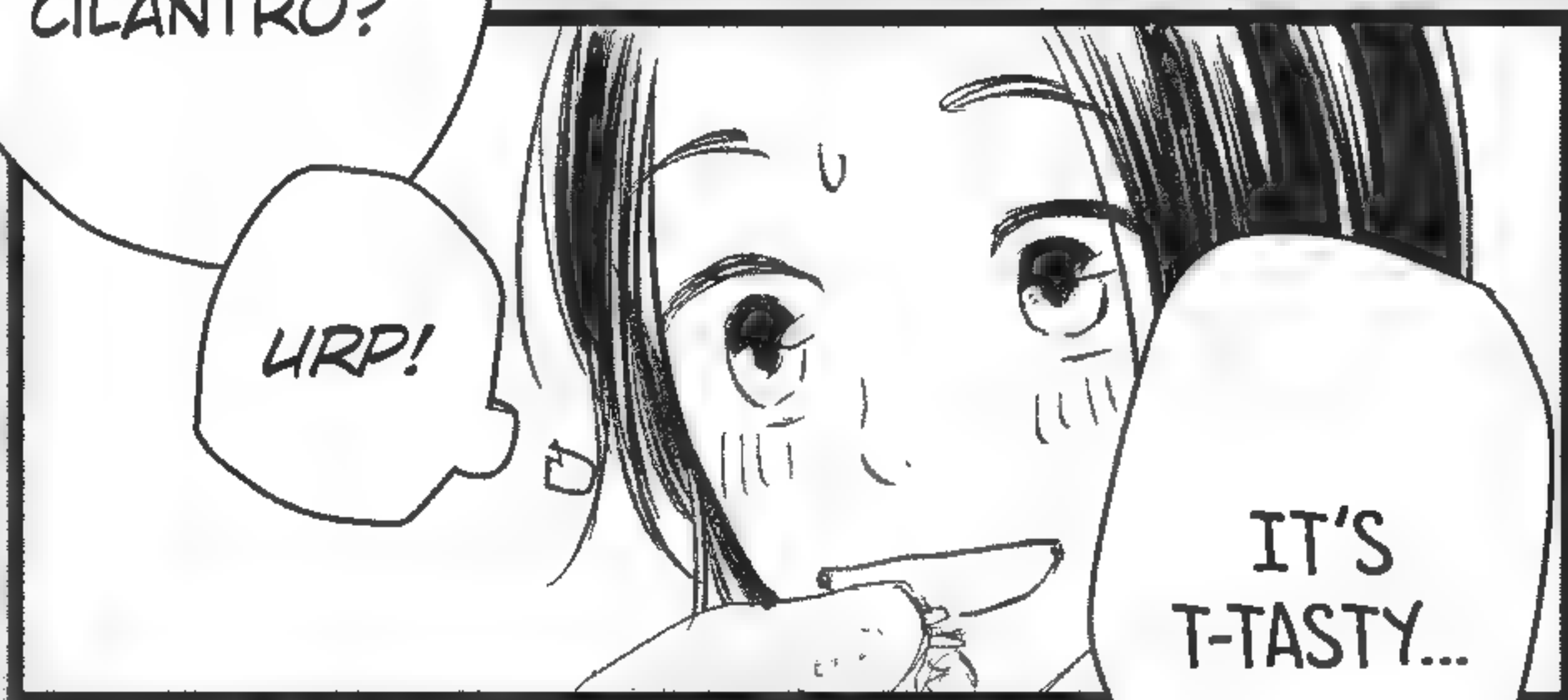


WHAT SHOULD I EVEN BE DOING RIGHT NOW?

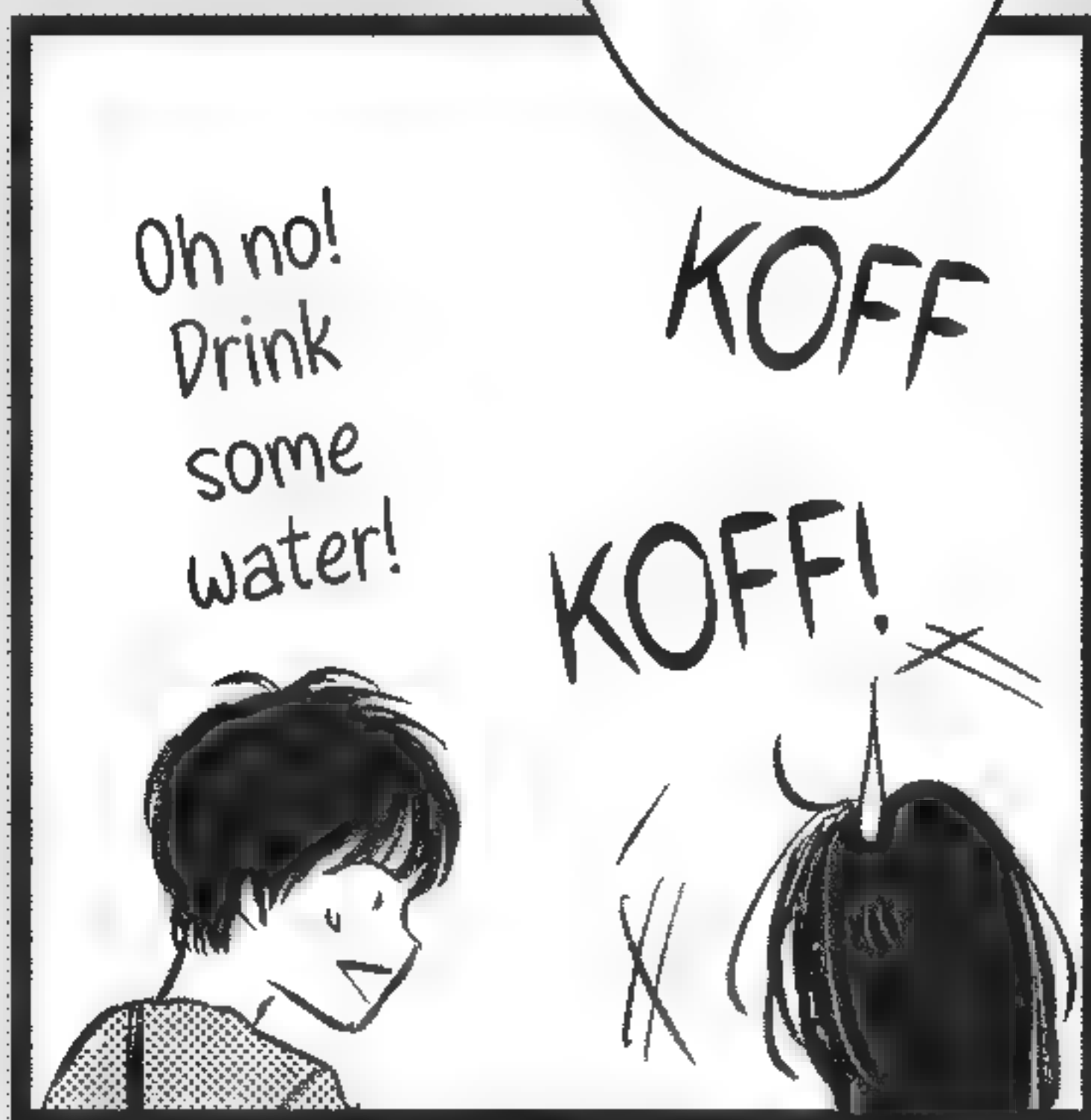
OH, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.



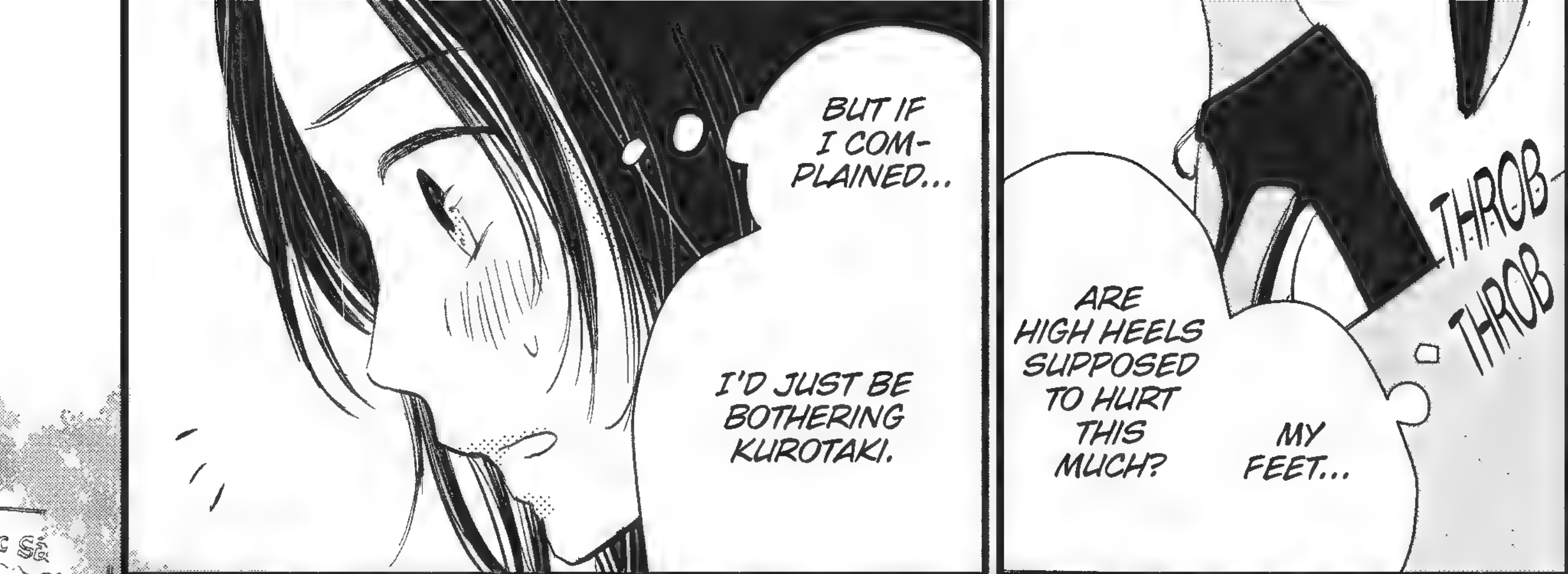
SO, HOW'S YOUR VERY FIRST BITE OF CILANTRO?



HOW SHOULD I BE PRESENTING MYSELF? I DON'T GET IT.



THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US IS JUST FAR TOO MUCH.



BUT IF
I COM-
PLAINED...

I'D JUST BE
BOTHERING
KUROTAKI.

ARE
HIGH HEELS
SUPPOSED
TO HURT
THIS
MUCH?

MY
FEET...

THROB
THROB



Ahh...

I'm so
sorry!!

WAAHHH!!

It's okay! It's
just a kid! I'm
not upset!

HARUKA?



HMM?

KURO-
TAKI-
SA--

BUMP
PLSH



W-WERE YOU WORRIED ABOUT--

HIKARU?!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?!

No.
I'M JUST HANGING OUT WITH MY FRIENDS.
MY SCHOOL'S RIGHT OVER THERE.

SAY, WHERE'S YOUR MAN?

They're soaking wet! What happened?!

BY THE WAY, YOUR CLOTHES...

I'M KINDA LOST?
UHHH, WELL, YOU SEE...
WHAT?

THE MOMENT I SAW HIKARU...



SORRY.

EVEN
THOUGH
YOU TRIED
YOUR
BEST...

Ha
ha...

THE
STRESS
STARTED
TO MELT
AWAY.

I'M JUST
NO GOOD.

HIKARU?

Ah!



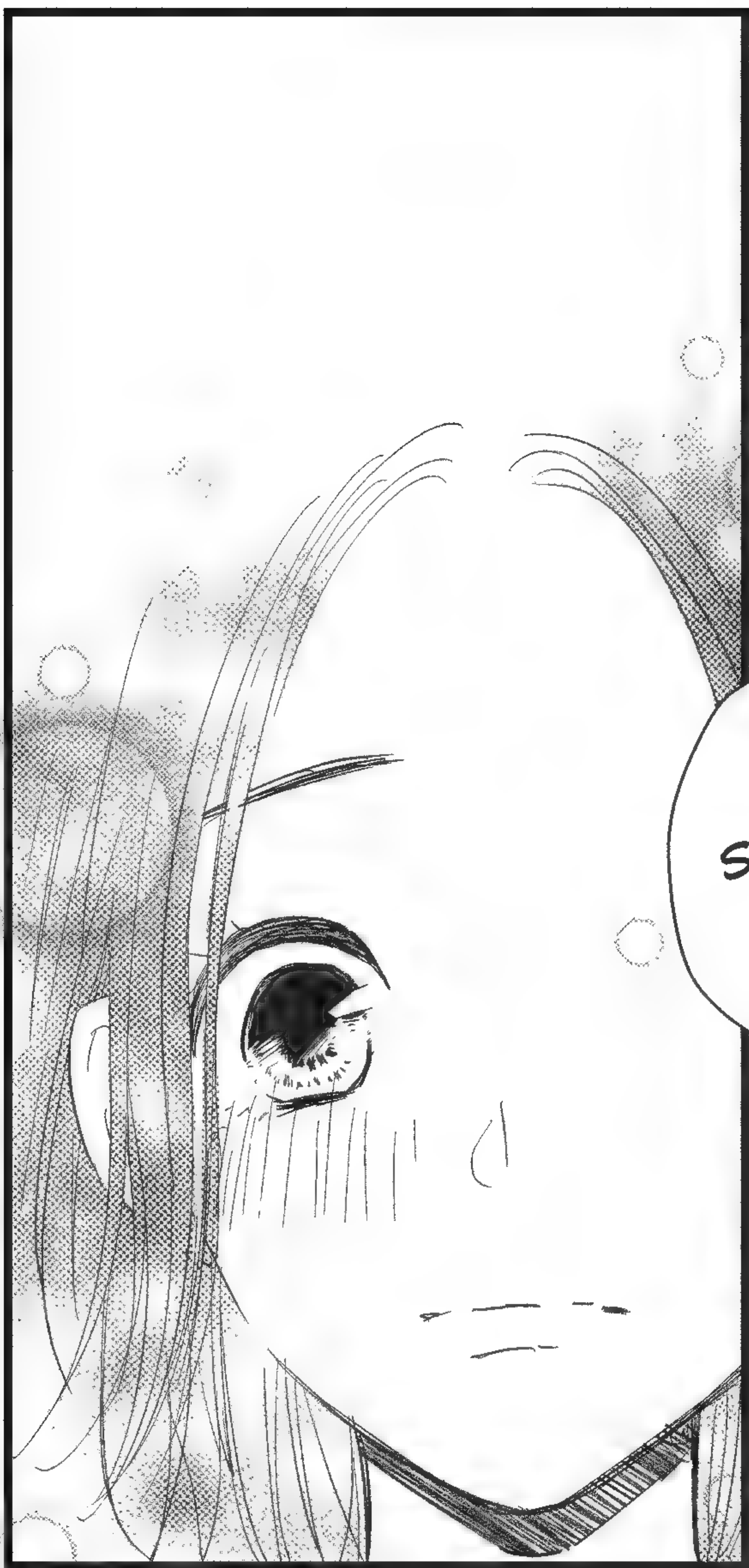
SORRY,
GUYS.

GO ON
WITHOUT
ME.

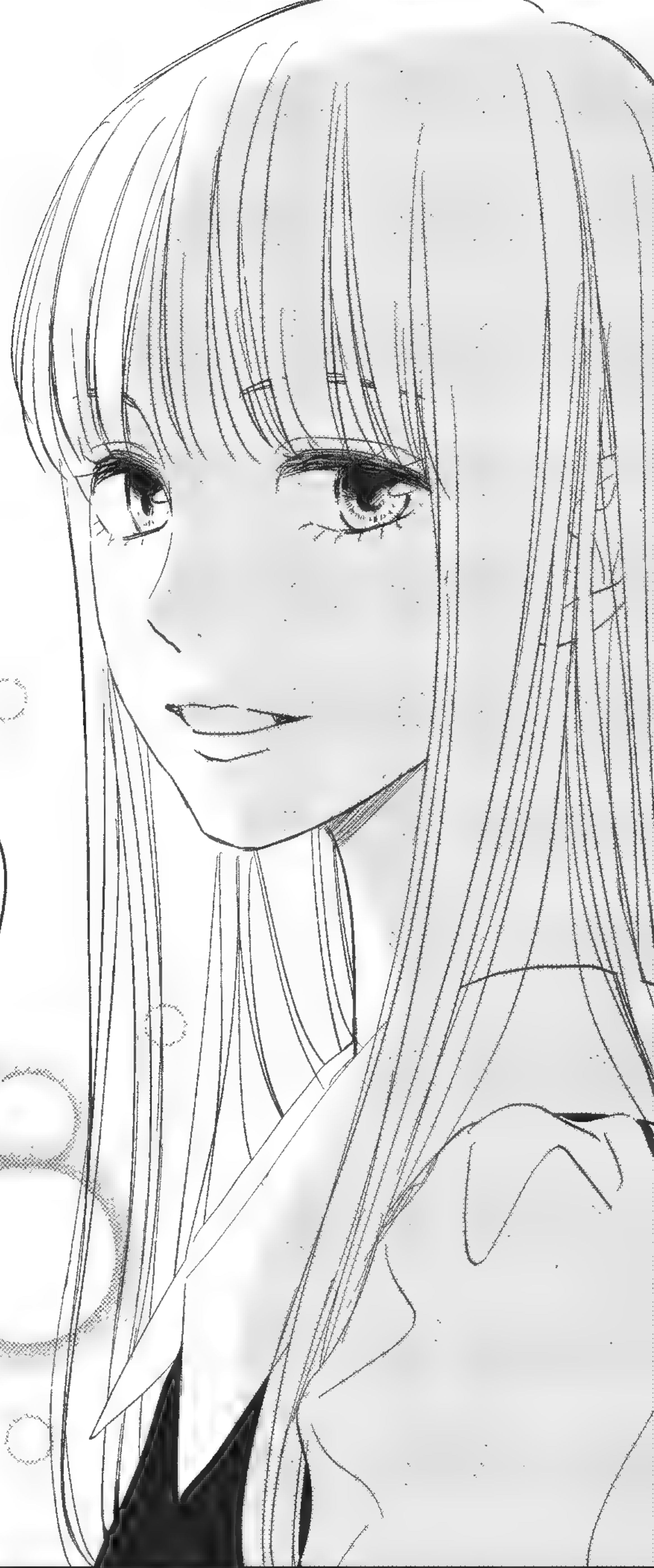
OH,
YOU'RE
WITH
FRIENDS
TODAY.
RIGHT.

SEE YA
LATER!





SIT DOWN.



SHE HAD
BANDAGES
ON HAND!

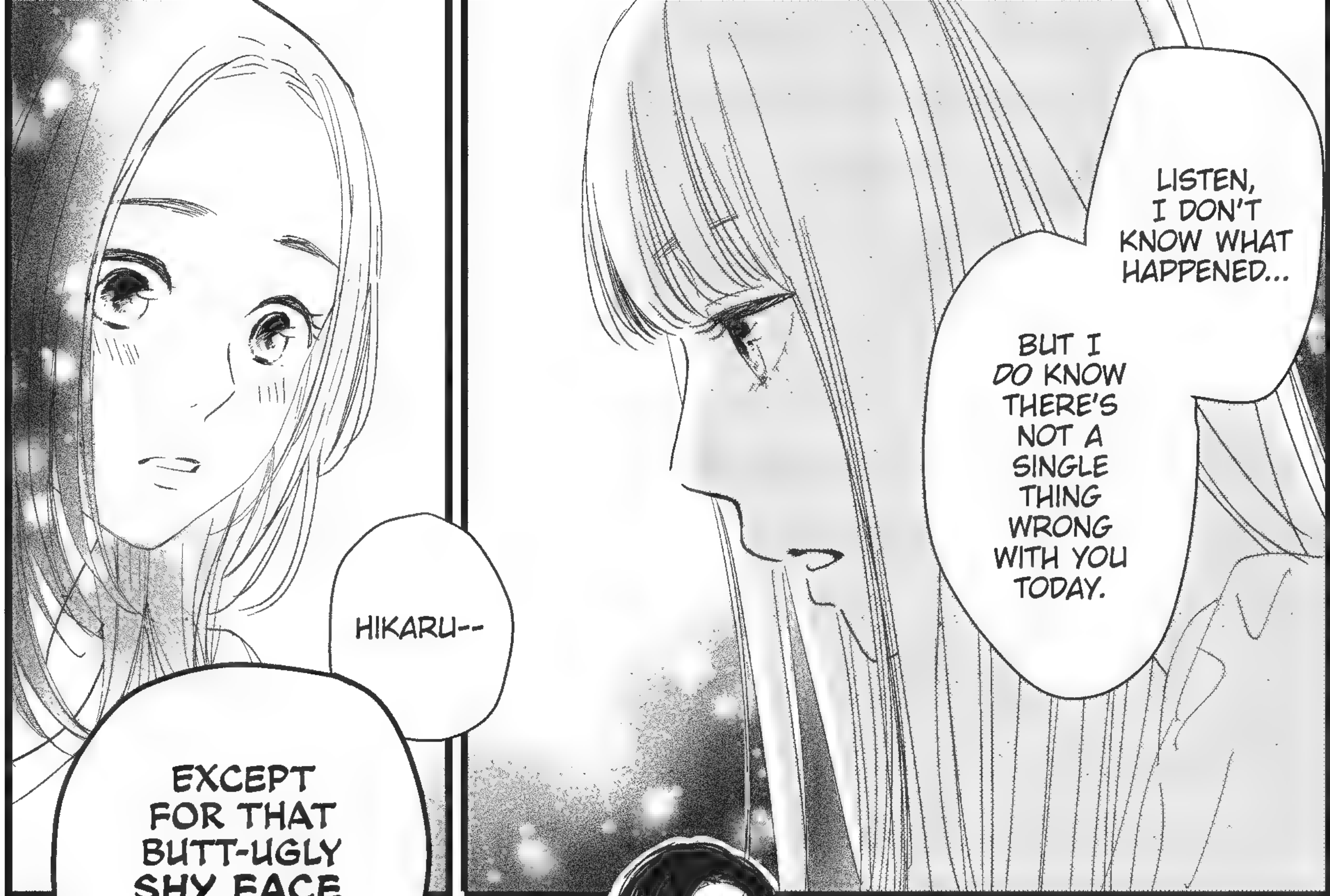
Come on,
girl!!

I JUST...
COULDN'T
BRING
MYSELF
TO.

Idiot.

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU SPEAK
UP BEFORE
IT GOT THIS
BAD?

OH,
THIS IS
TERRIBLE.

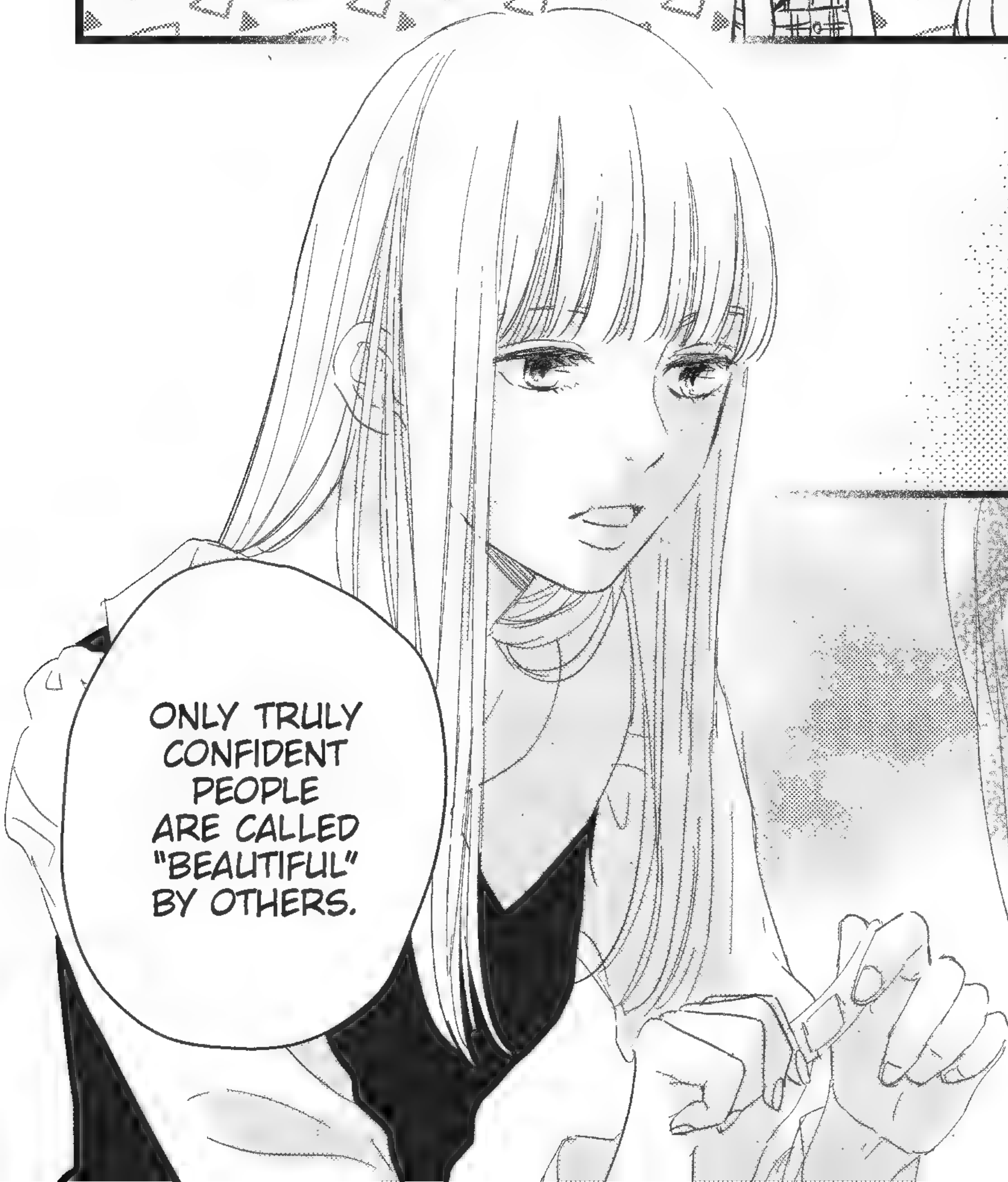


LISTEN,
I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
HAPPENED...

BUT I
DO KNOW
THERE'S
NOT A
SINGLE
THING
WRONG
WITH YOU
TODAY.

HIKARU--

EXCEPT
FOR THAT
BUTT-UGLY
SHY FACE
YOU'RE
SPORTING.



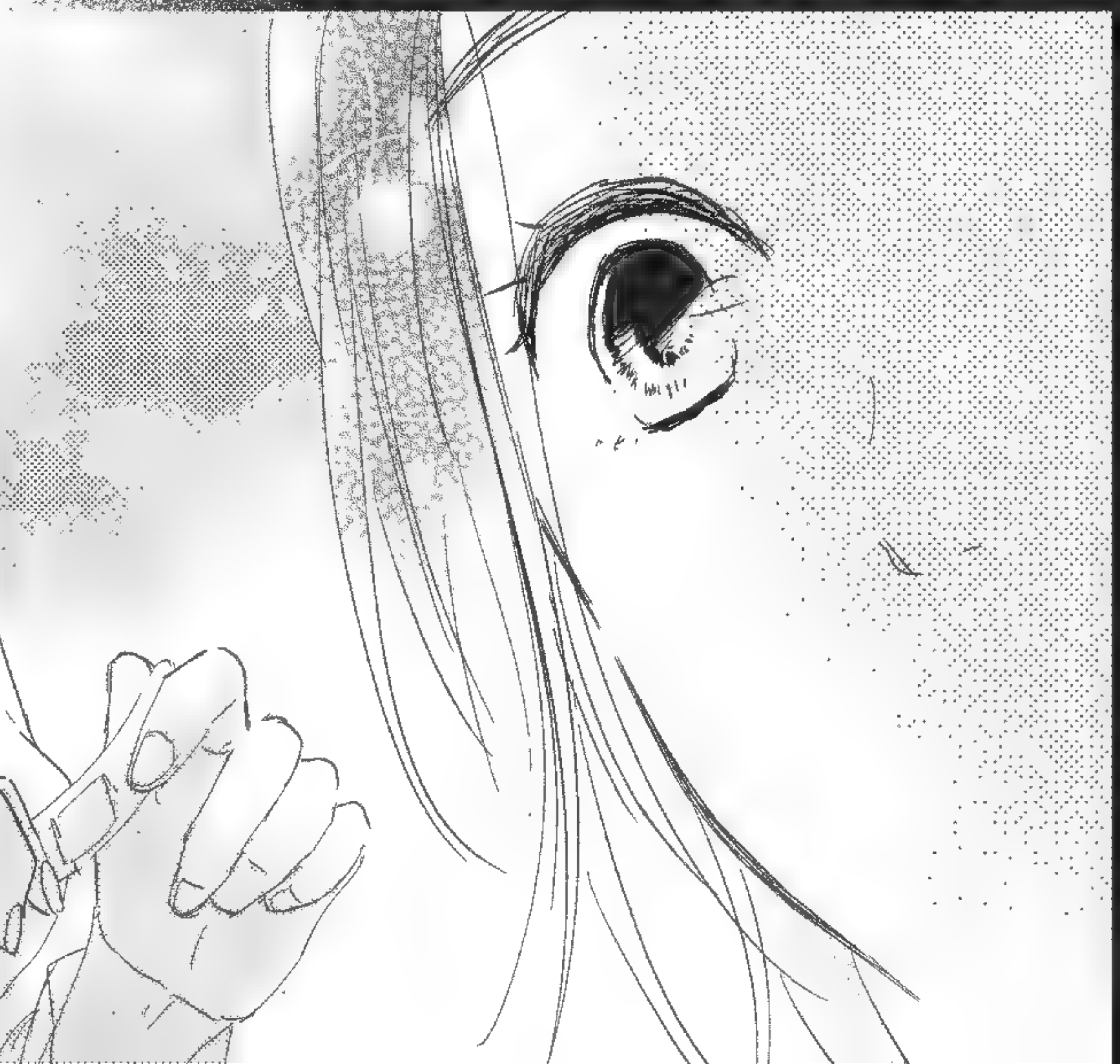
ONLY TRULY
CONFIDENT
PEOPLE
ARE CALLED
"BEAUTIFUL"
BY OTHERS.

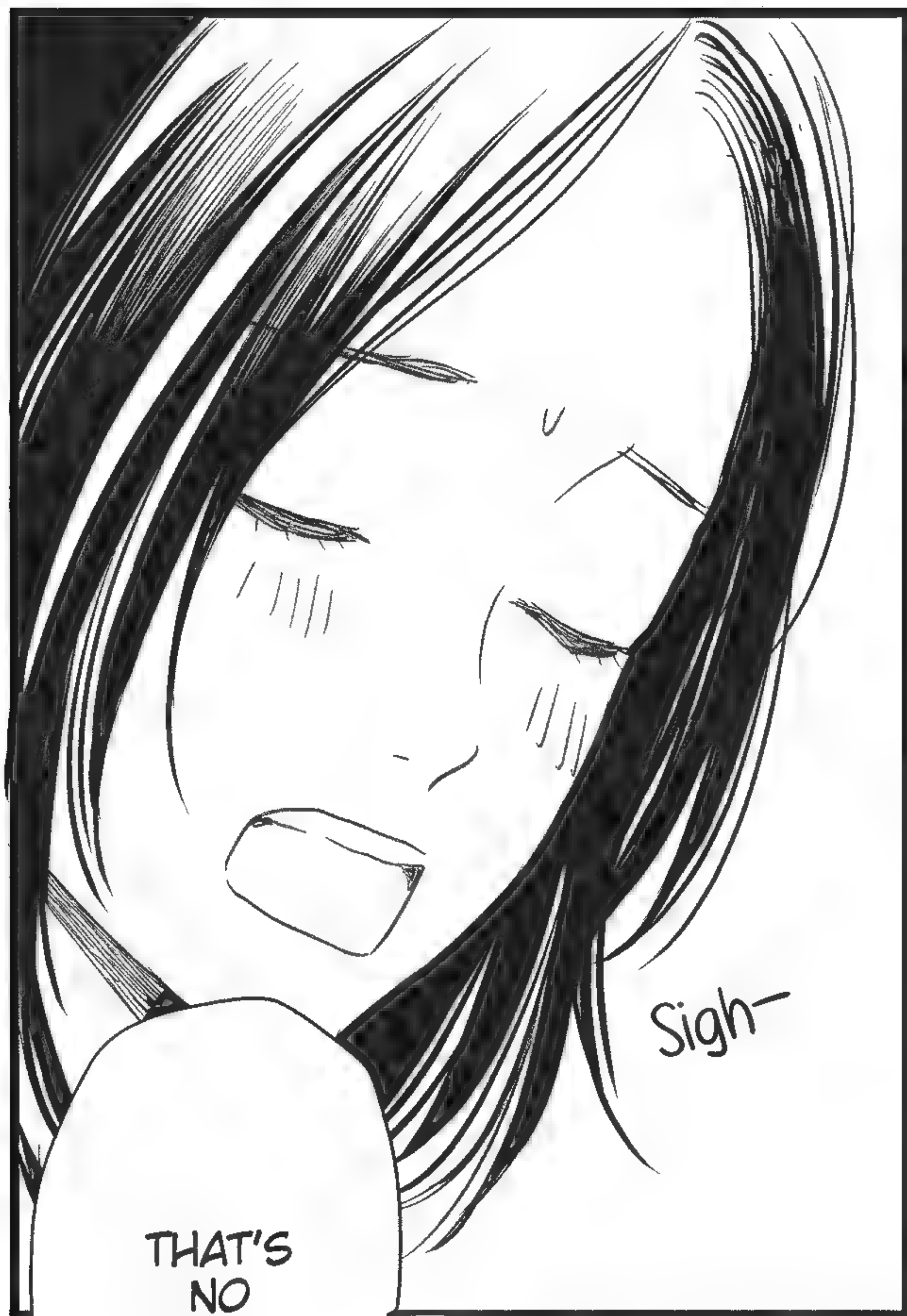


AGH!

YOU
JERK!

I already
feel bad
enough!
Don't kick
me while I'm
down!





Sigh—

THAT'S
NO
GOOD.

MAKES
ME KINDA
HATE
MYSELF.



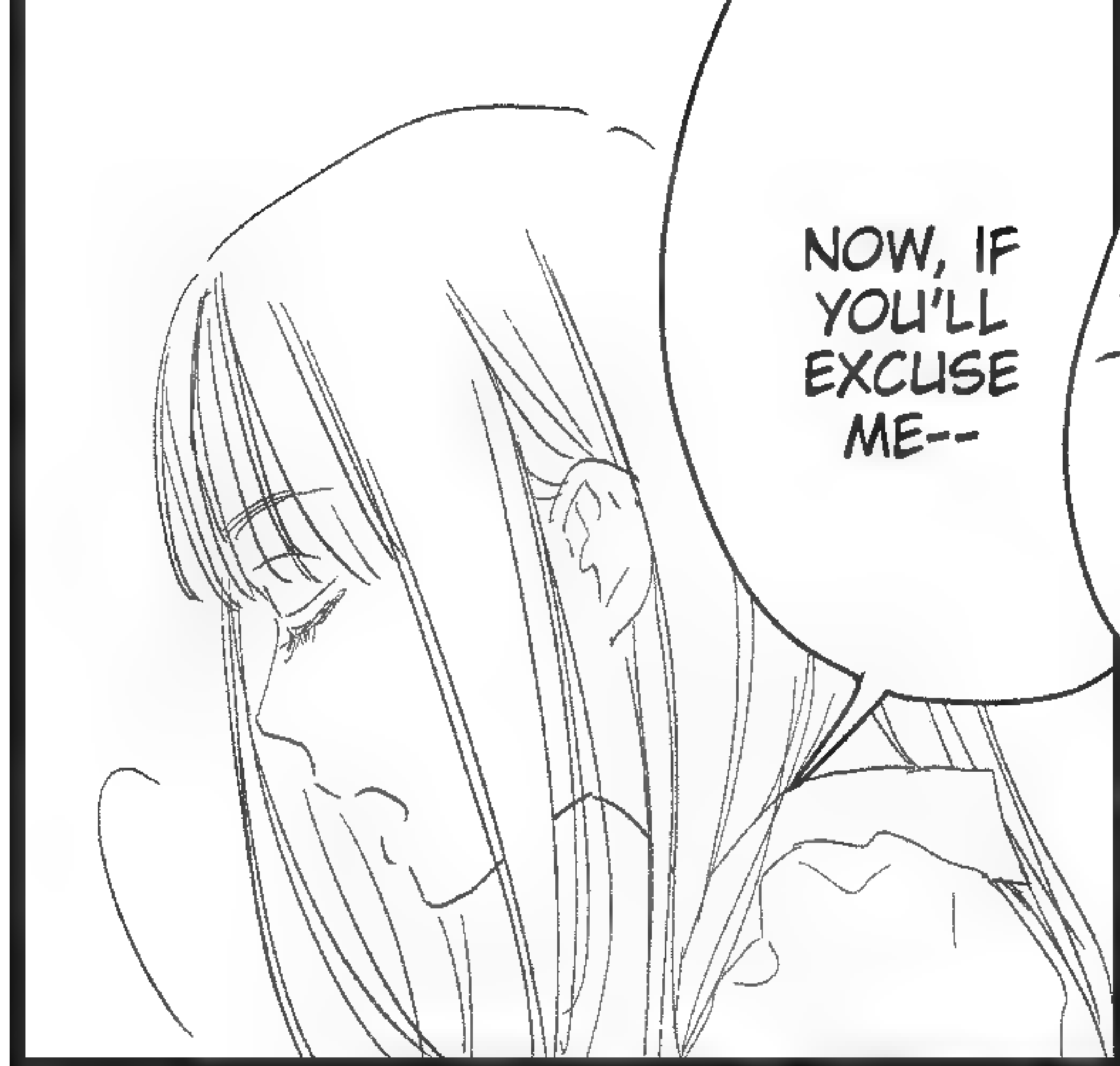
EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE.

NO
MATTER
HOW MUCH
MAGIC
HIKARU
CASTS ON
ME...



IT WON'T
MATTER IF
I DON'T PUT
IN EFFORT,
TOO.

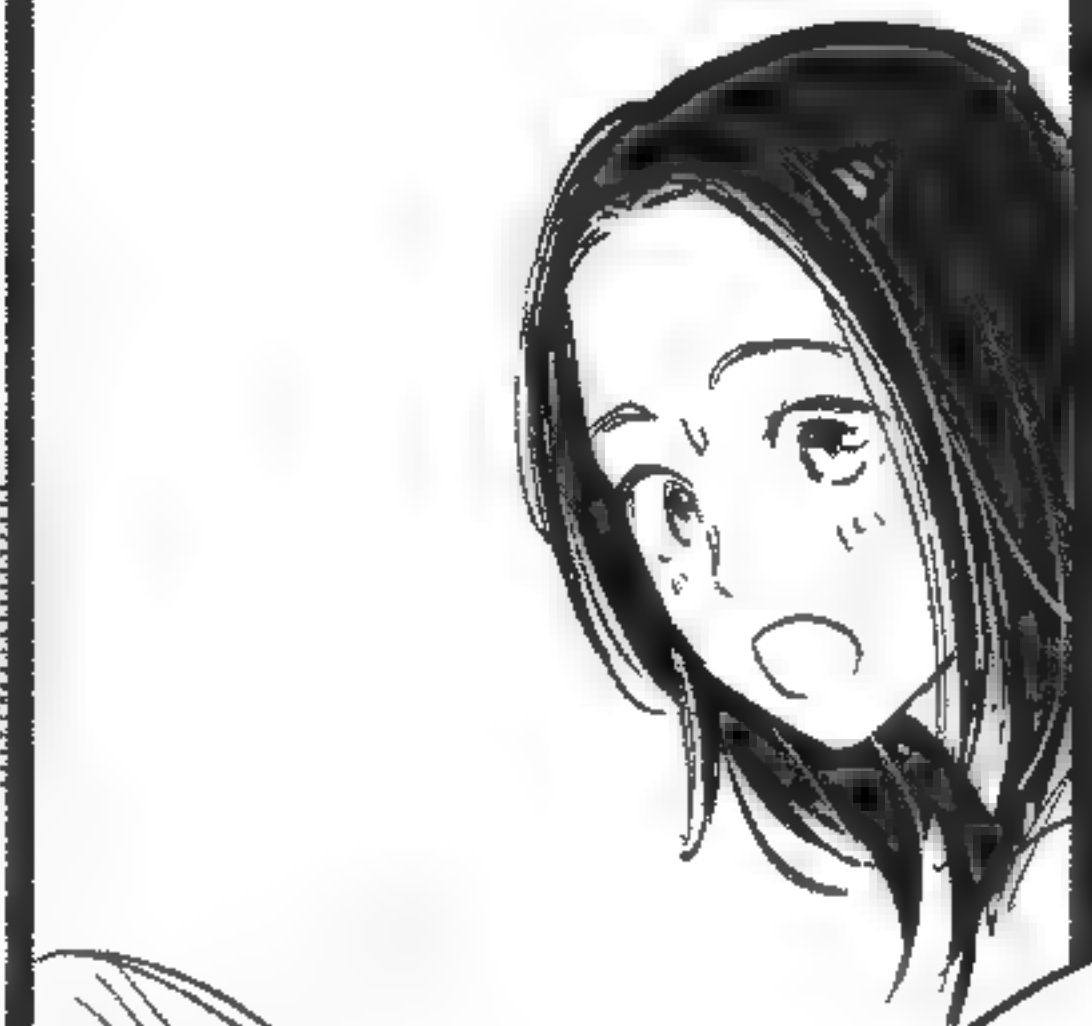
I LIED
TO LOOK
COOL TO
KUROTAKI-
SAN.



NOW, IF
YOU'LL
EXCUSE
ME--

HM?
FRIEND OF
YOURS?

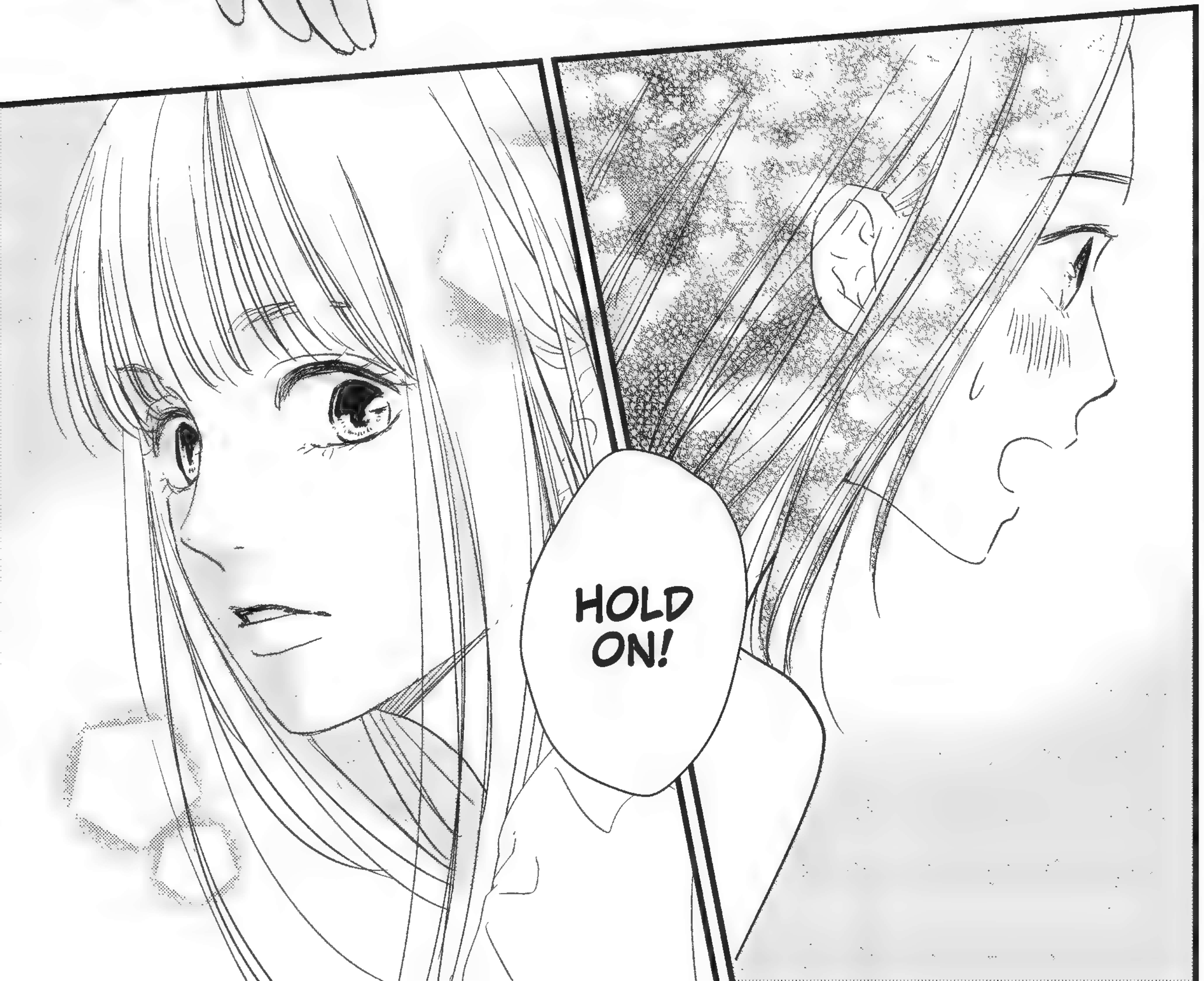
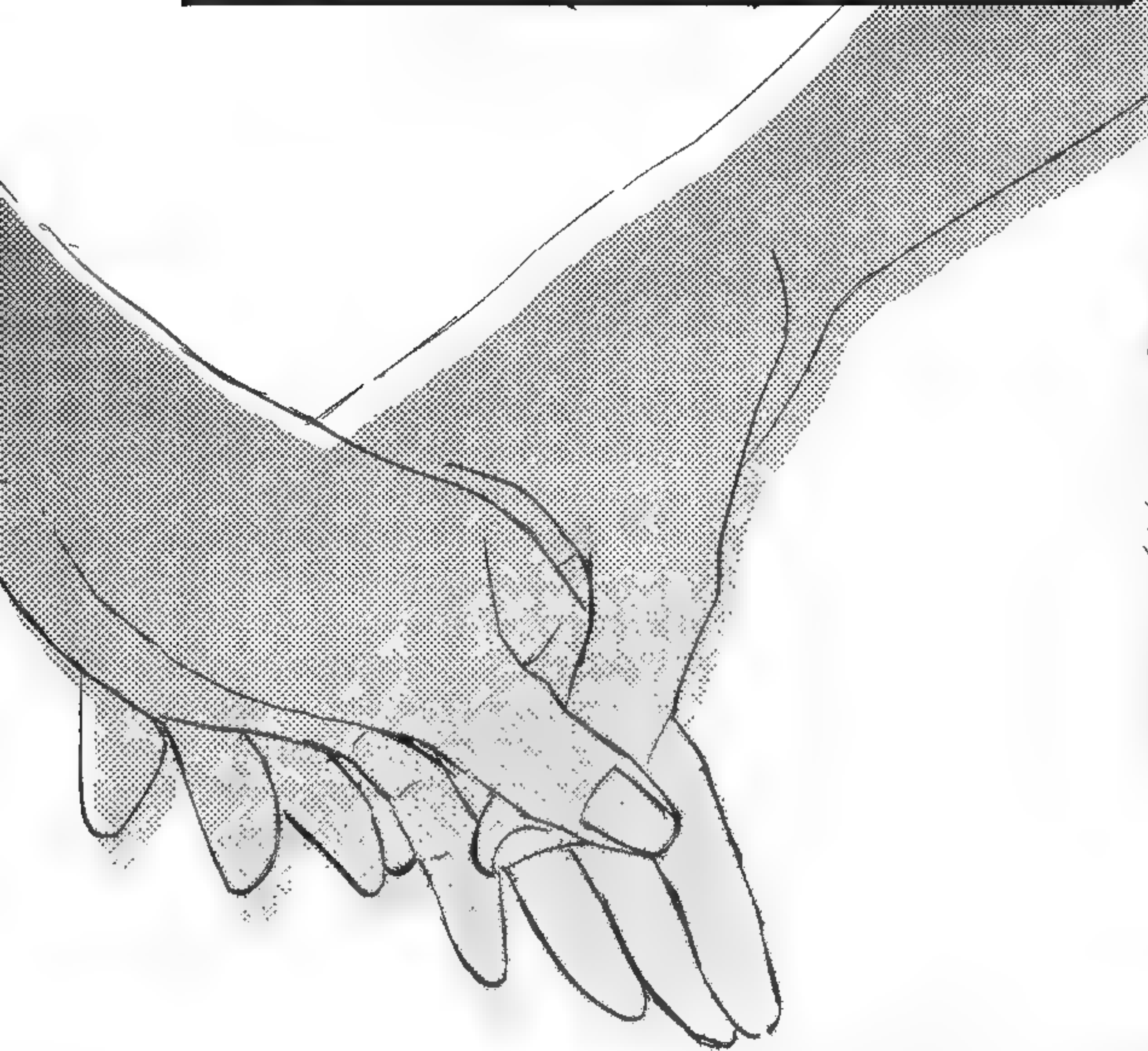
THERE
YOU ARE,
HARUKA!



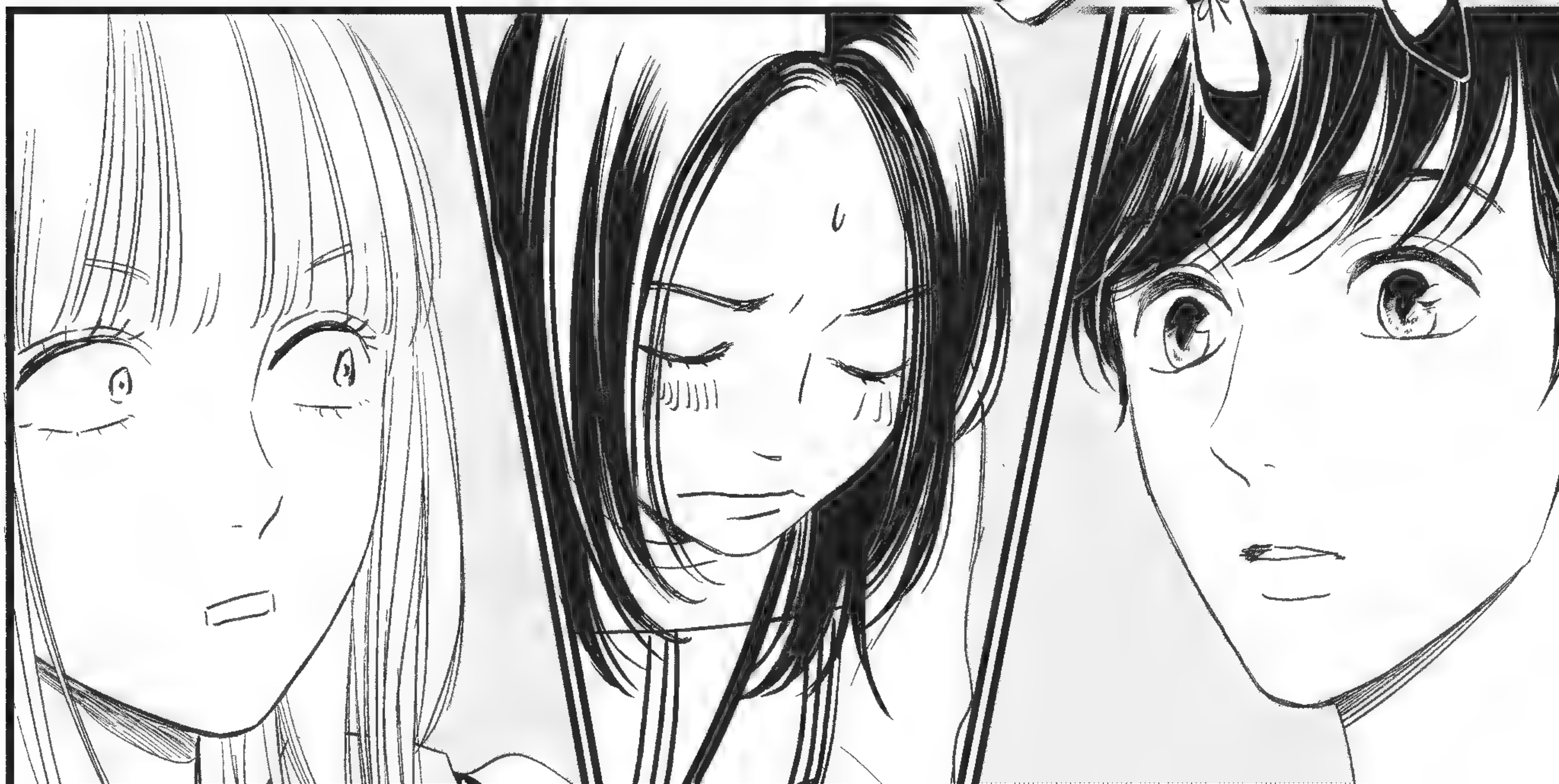
SORRY!
DIDN'T
MEAN
TO LOSE
YOU!

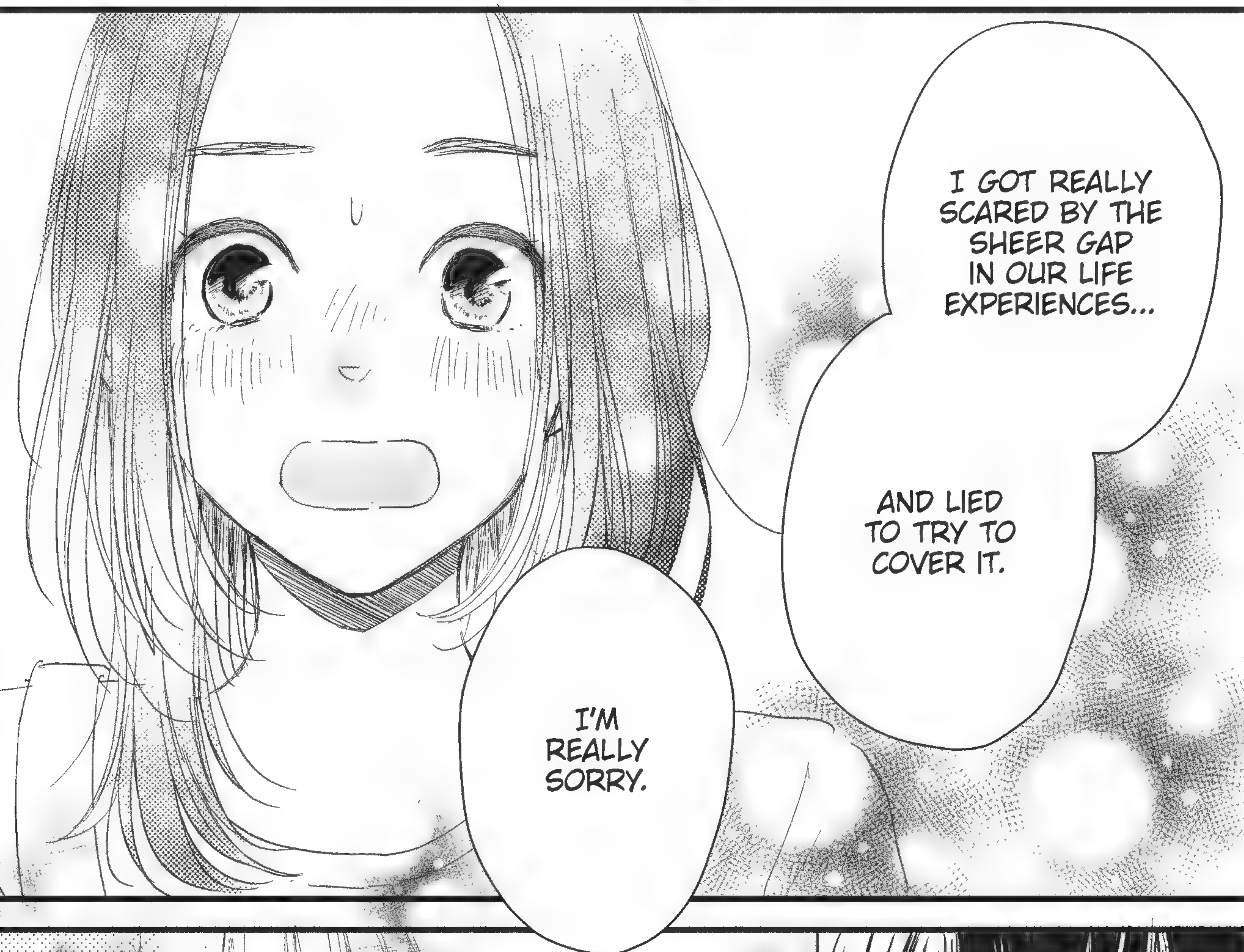
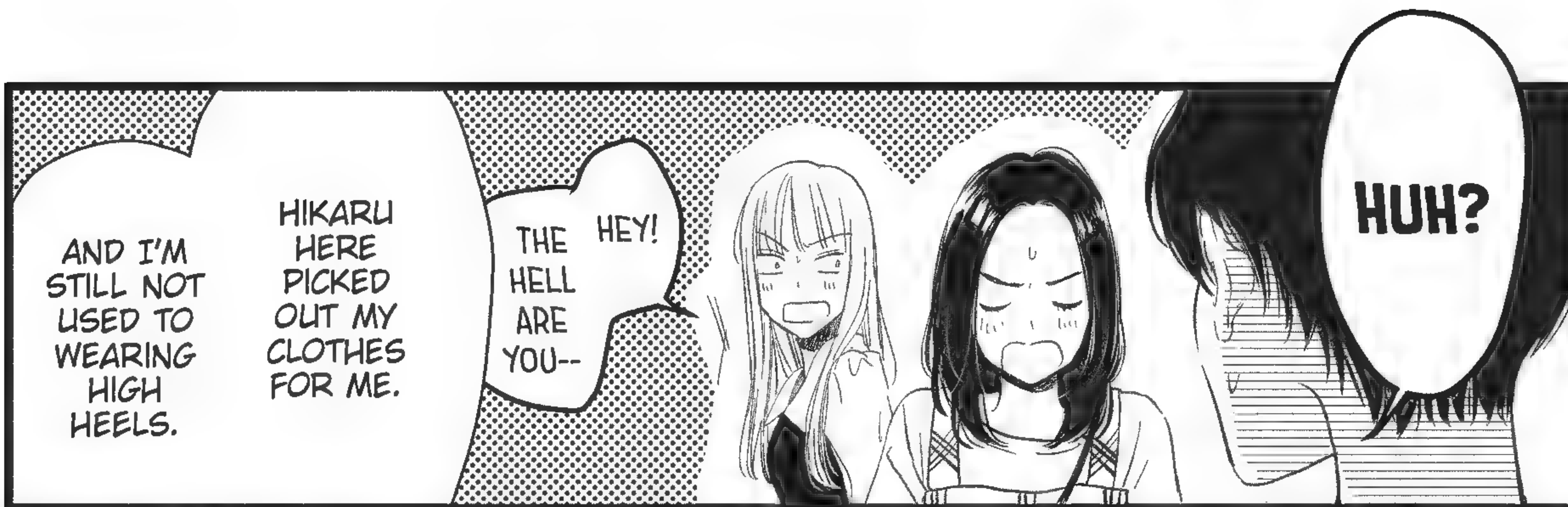
KURO-
TAKI-
SAN!

I TRIED
TO CALL,
BUT...



HOLD
ON!







Pffft.

AH
HA
HA
HA!

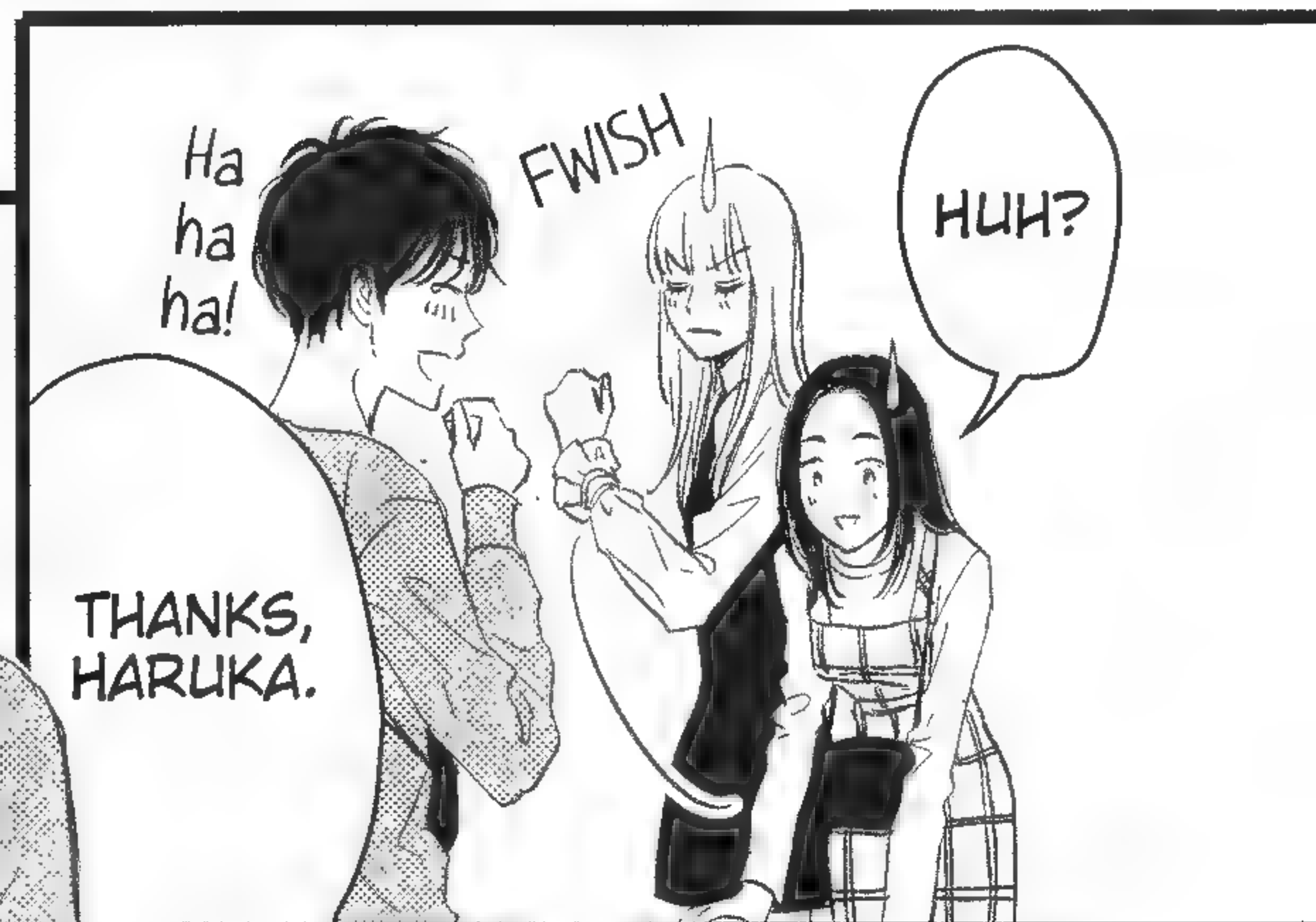
I DON'T
WANNA
GO HOME
YET!

WHA...?

PLEASE,
LET'S
CONTINUE
OUR DATE!



I'M NOT
NEARLY
AS COOL
AS YOU
THINK.



Ha
ha
ha!

FWISH

HUH?

THANKS,
HARUKA.

BUT
JUST
SO YOU
KNOW...



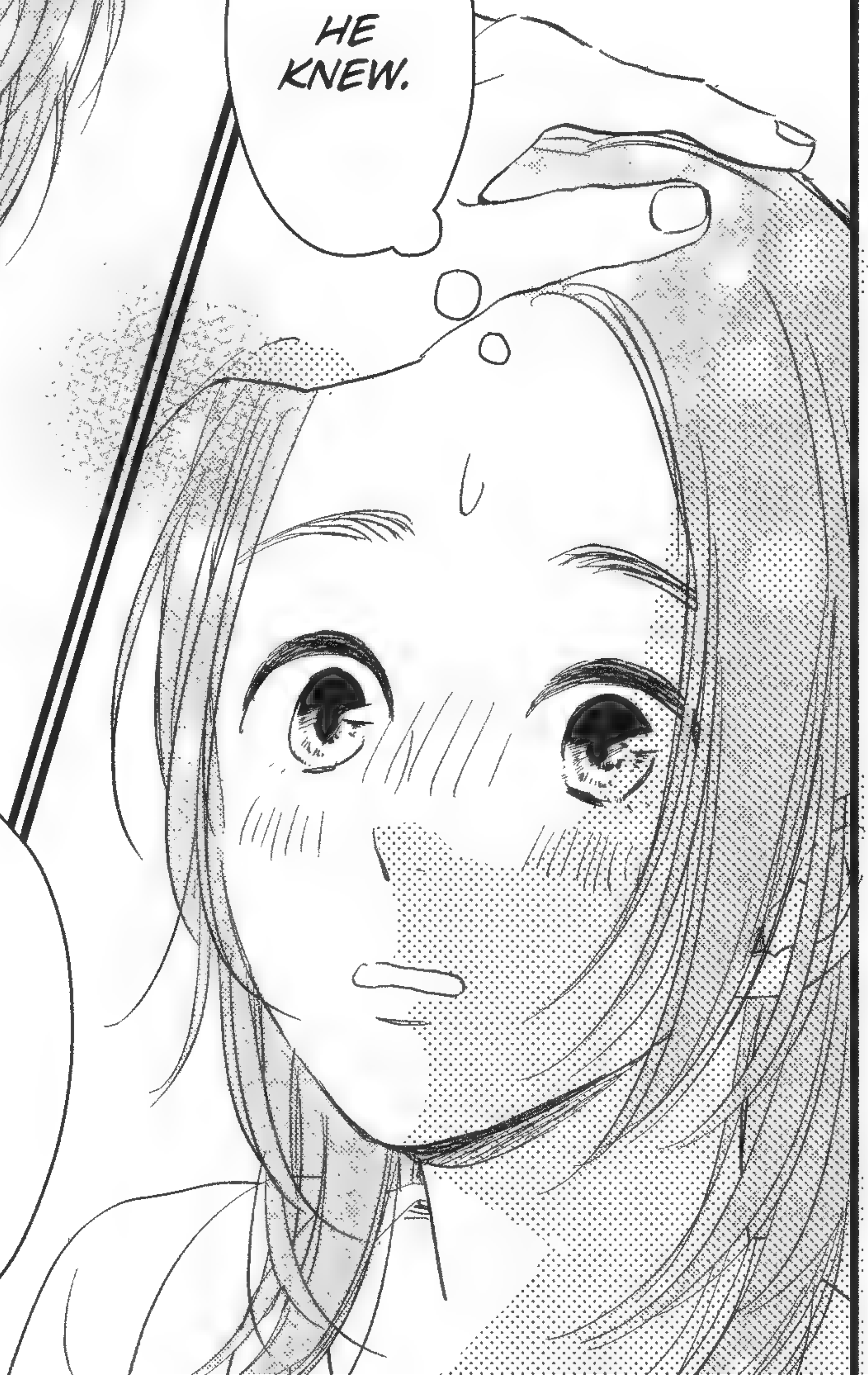
YOU WERE
PRETTY
OBVIOUSLY
NOT USED TO
DATING.

I COULD
TELL, YOU
KNOW.

KUROTAKI-
SAN...

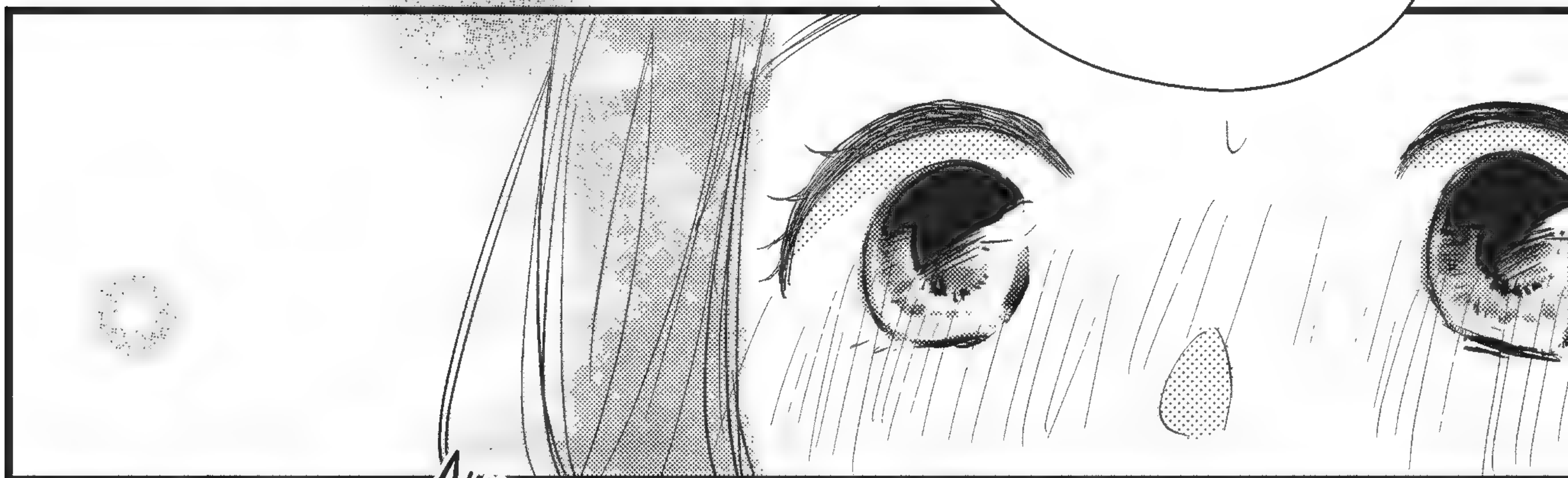
HE
KNEW.

THOSE
SHOES HAVE
BEEN REAL
ROUGH ON
YOU, HAVEN'T
THEY?





I'M REALLY
HAPPY YOU
WENT AS FAR
AS YOU DID TO
DRESS UP FOR
TODAY, THOUGH.

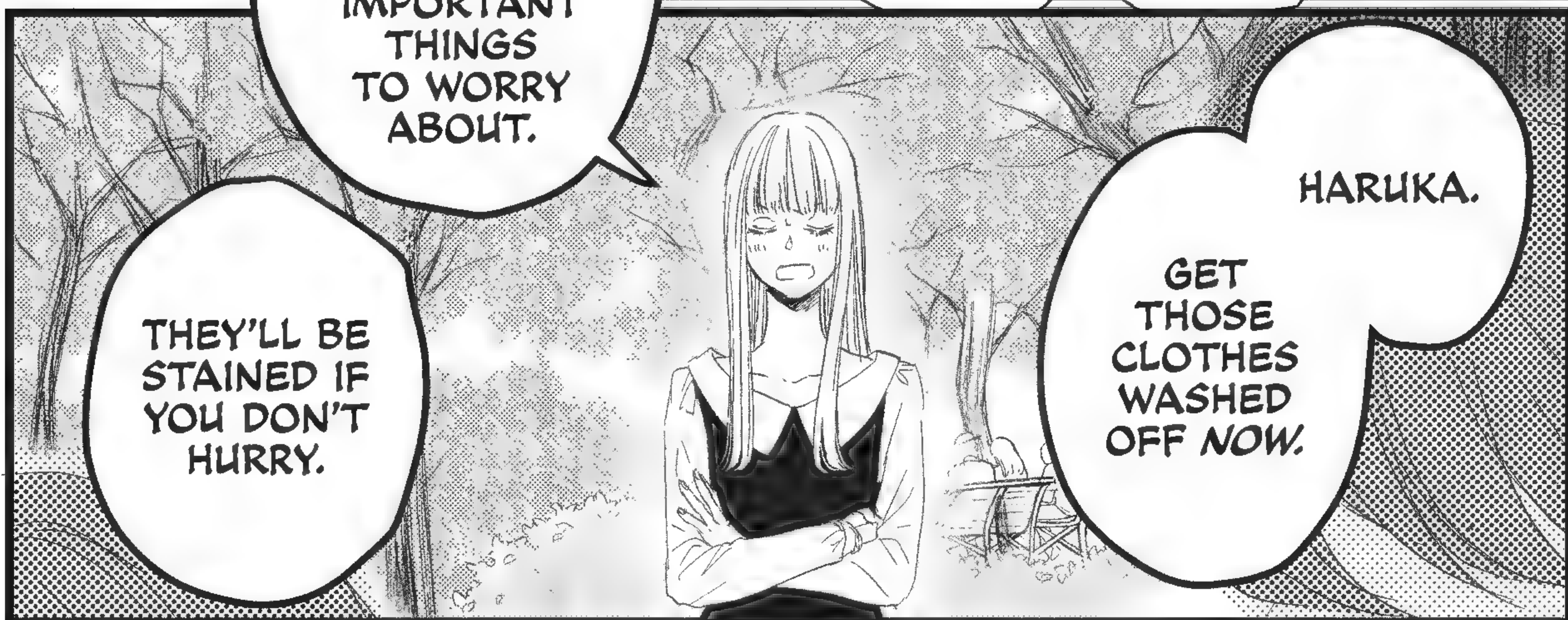


Auuugh!

SORRY TO
INTERRUPT,
BUT WE'VE
GOT MORE
IMPORTANT
THINGS
TO WORRY
ABOUT.

HIKARU
WAS THERE
TO HELP
ME, AND--!

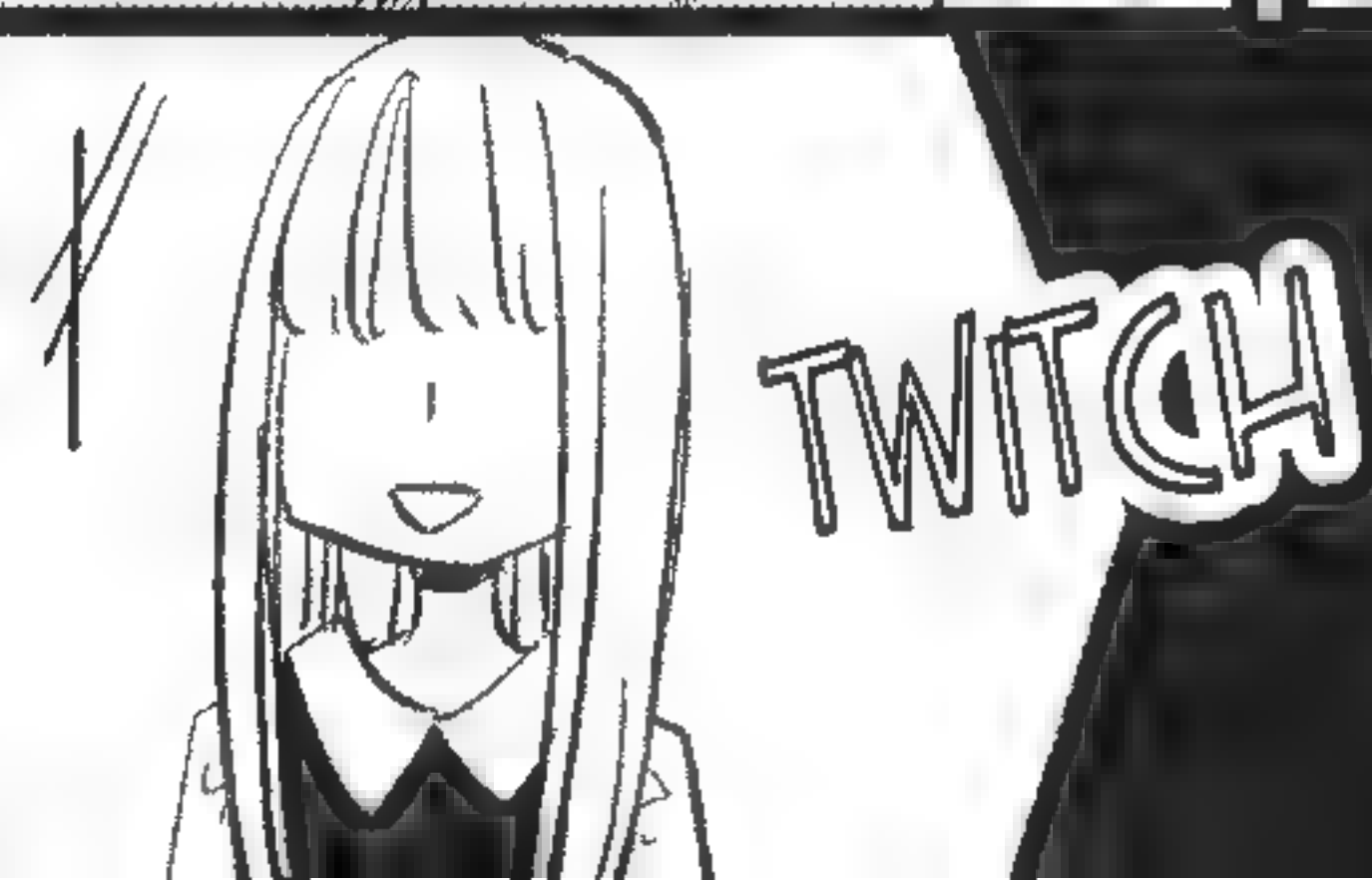
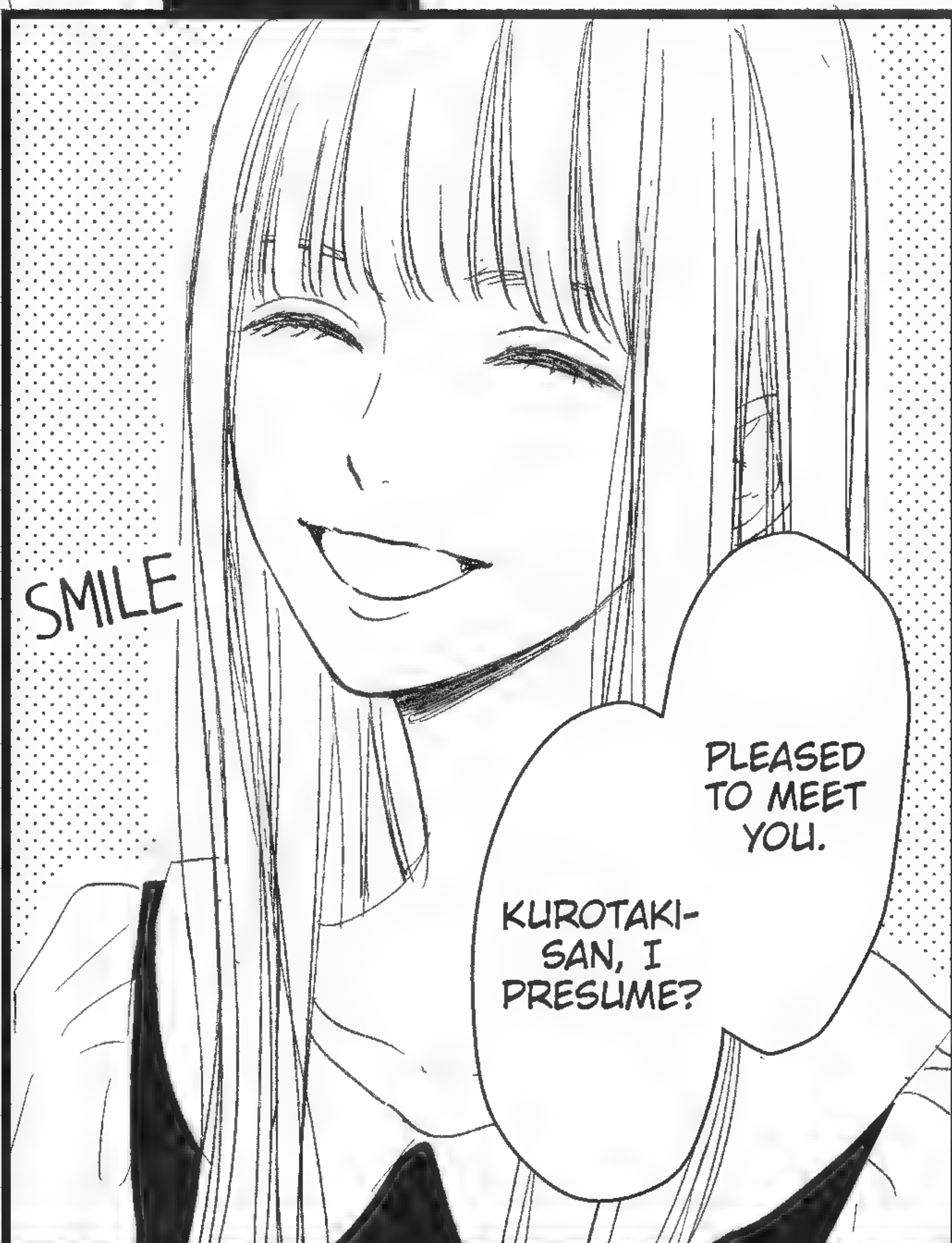
I MEAN,
UMM...



THEY'LL BE
STAINED IF
YOU DON'T
HURRY.

HARUKA.

GET
THOSE
CLOTHES
WASHED
OFF NOW!





HOW
DELIGHTFUL
OF YOU TO
REMEMBER
ME.

YES,
THAT'S
QUITE
RIGHT.

At the
pharmacy in
Shinjuku.

I THINK
I'VE SEEN
YOU BE-
FORE.

YOU
WERE WITH
HARUKA THE
OTHER DAY,
RIGHT?

WELL,
YEAH. YOU
TWO MADE
QUITE
THE ODD
COUPLE.



CLAK

HARUKA'S
TOLD ME A
LOT ABOUT
YOU.

YOU'RE AS
HANDSOME
AS SHE
SAYS.

GOOD
TASTE,
THAT
GIRL.



HEY.

CLAK

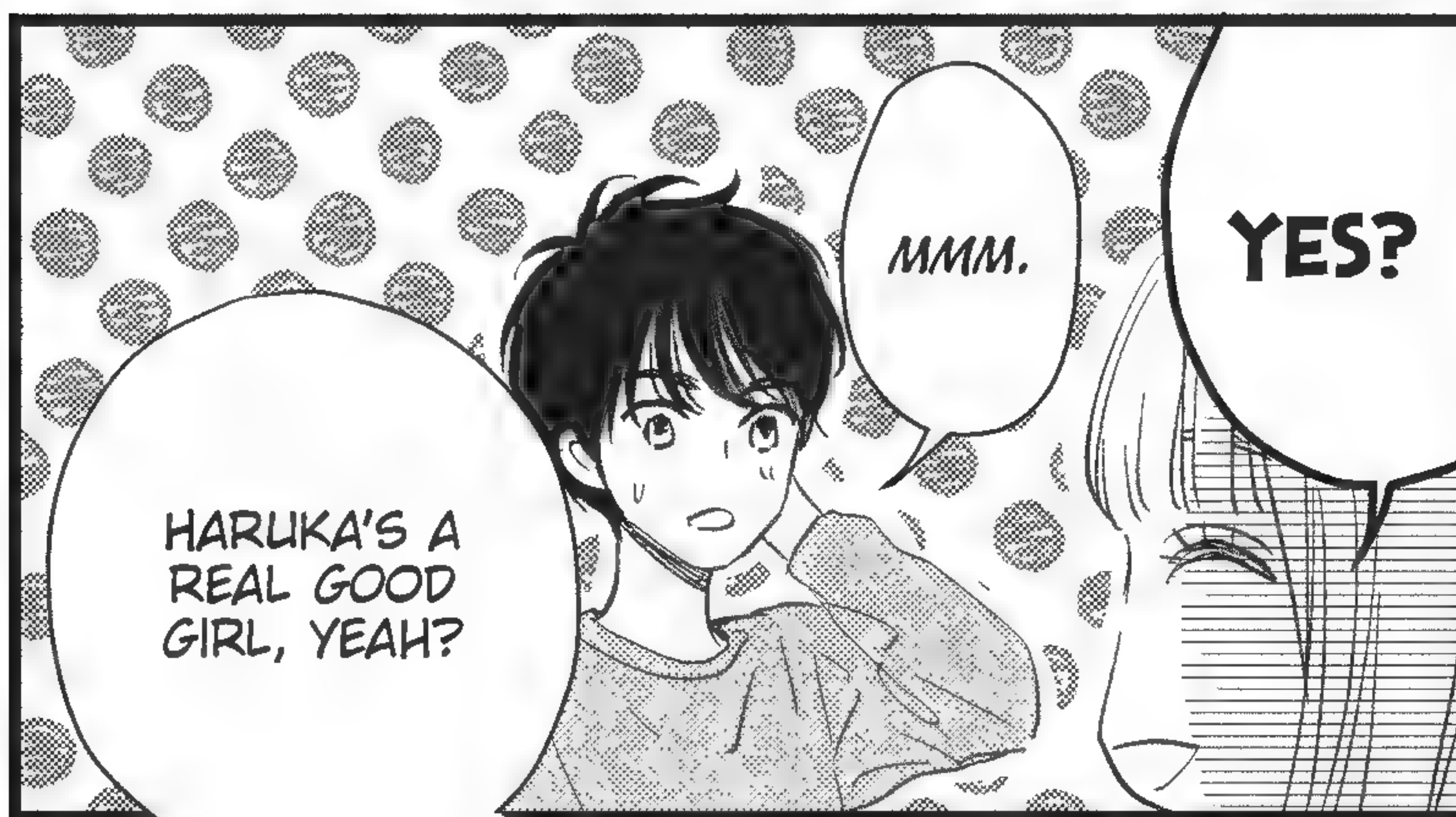


WANNA
HOOK UP
WITH ME,
TOO?



TRYIN'
TO TEST
ME?

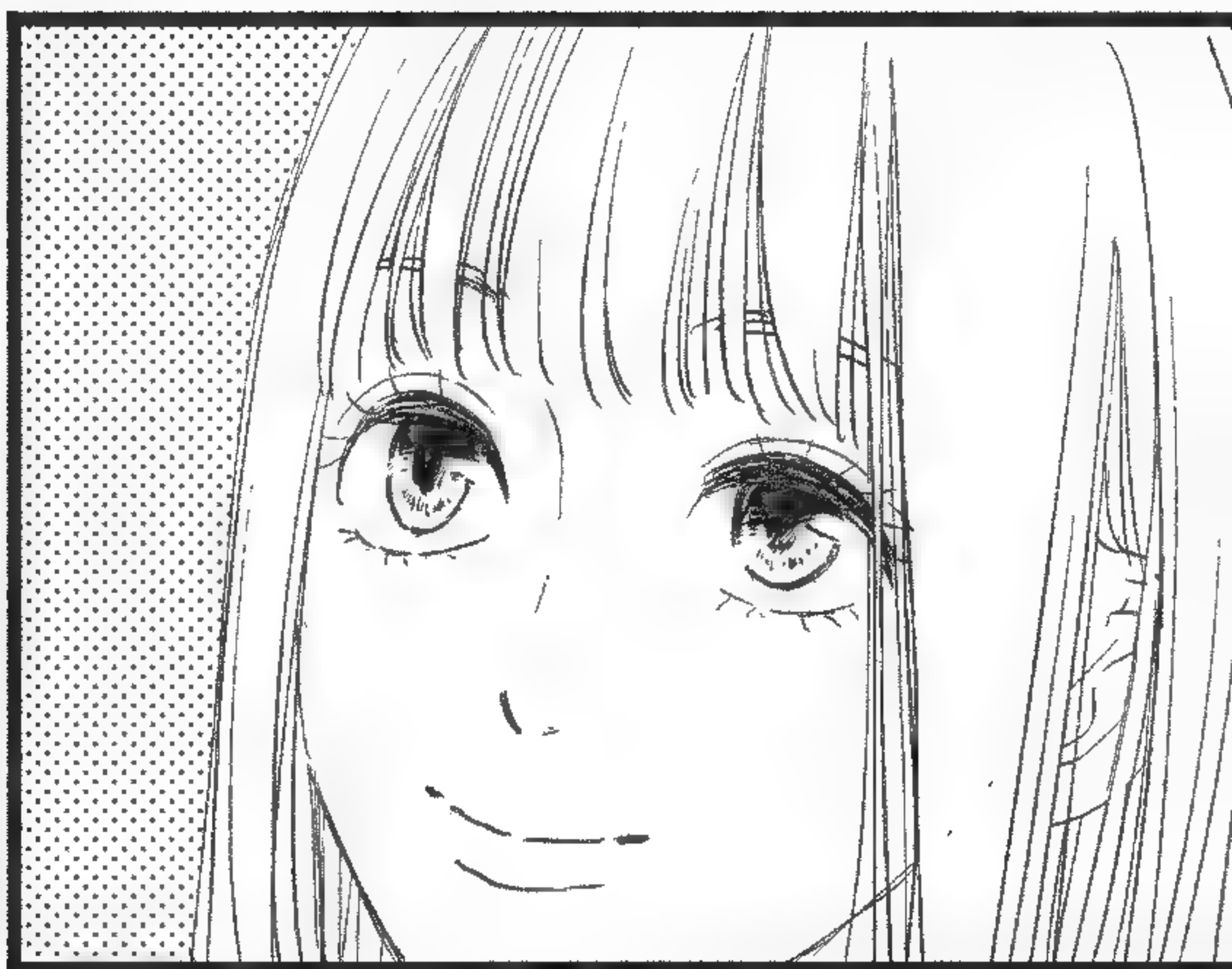
YOU,
UH...



MMM.

YES?

HARUKA'S A
REAL GOOD
GIRL, YEAH?



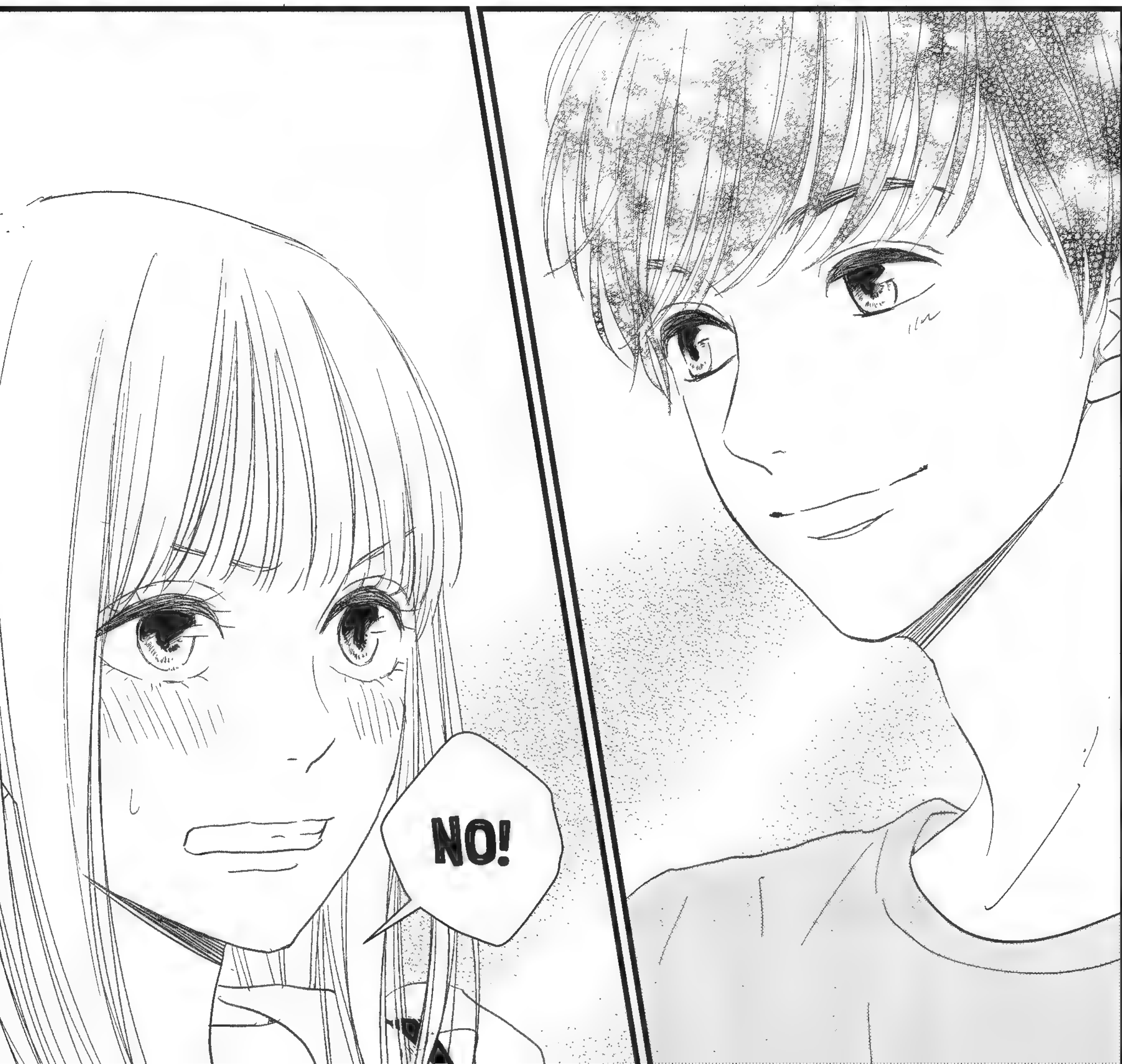
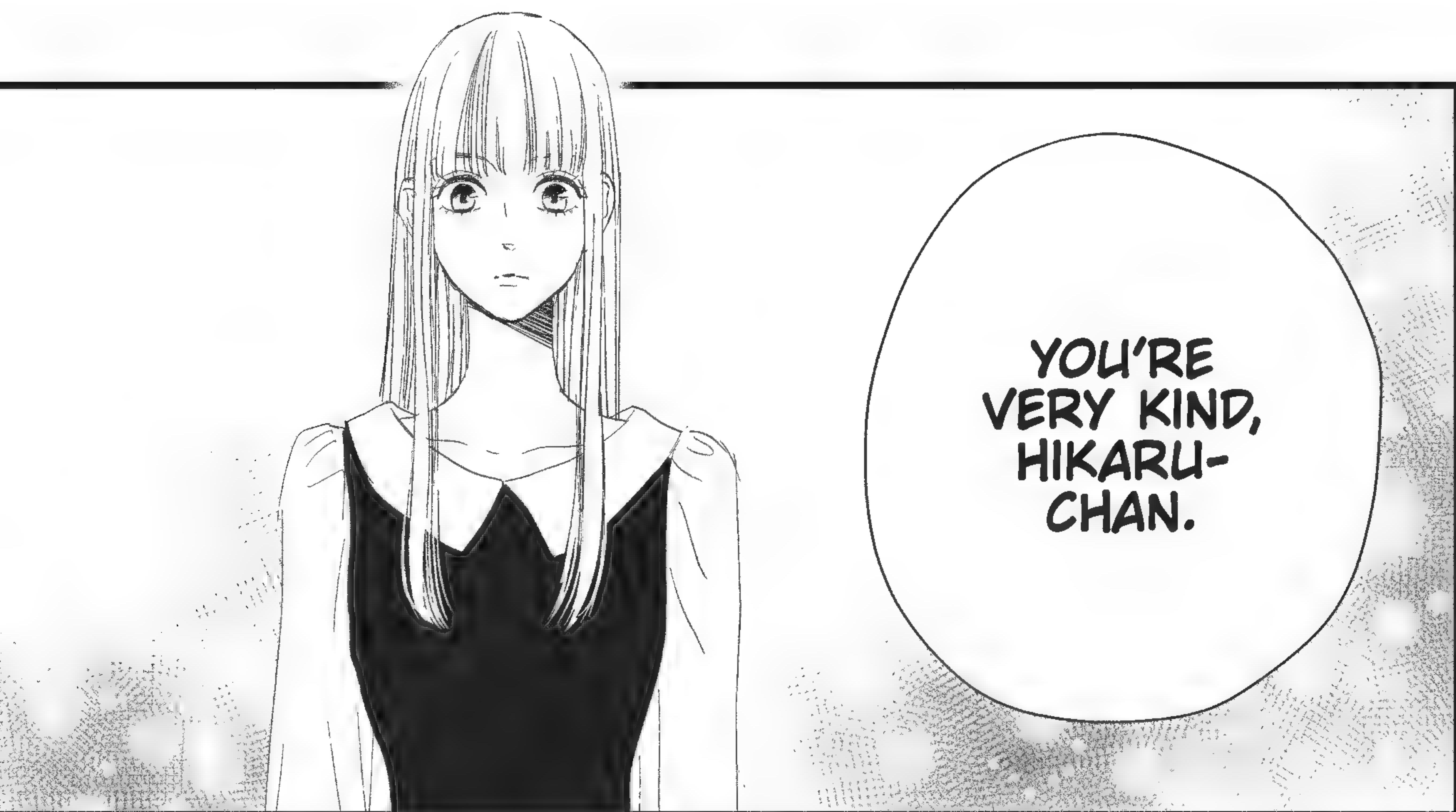
SO I FEEL
LIKE HER
FRIENDS
HAVE TO BE,
TOO.

YOU'RE
JUST MAKING
SURE SHE'S
NOT INTO
A DIRTBAG,
YEAH?



WH--!

OF
COURSE
NOT!





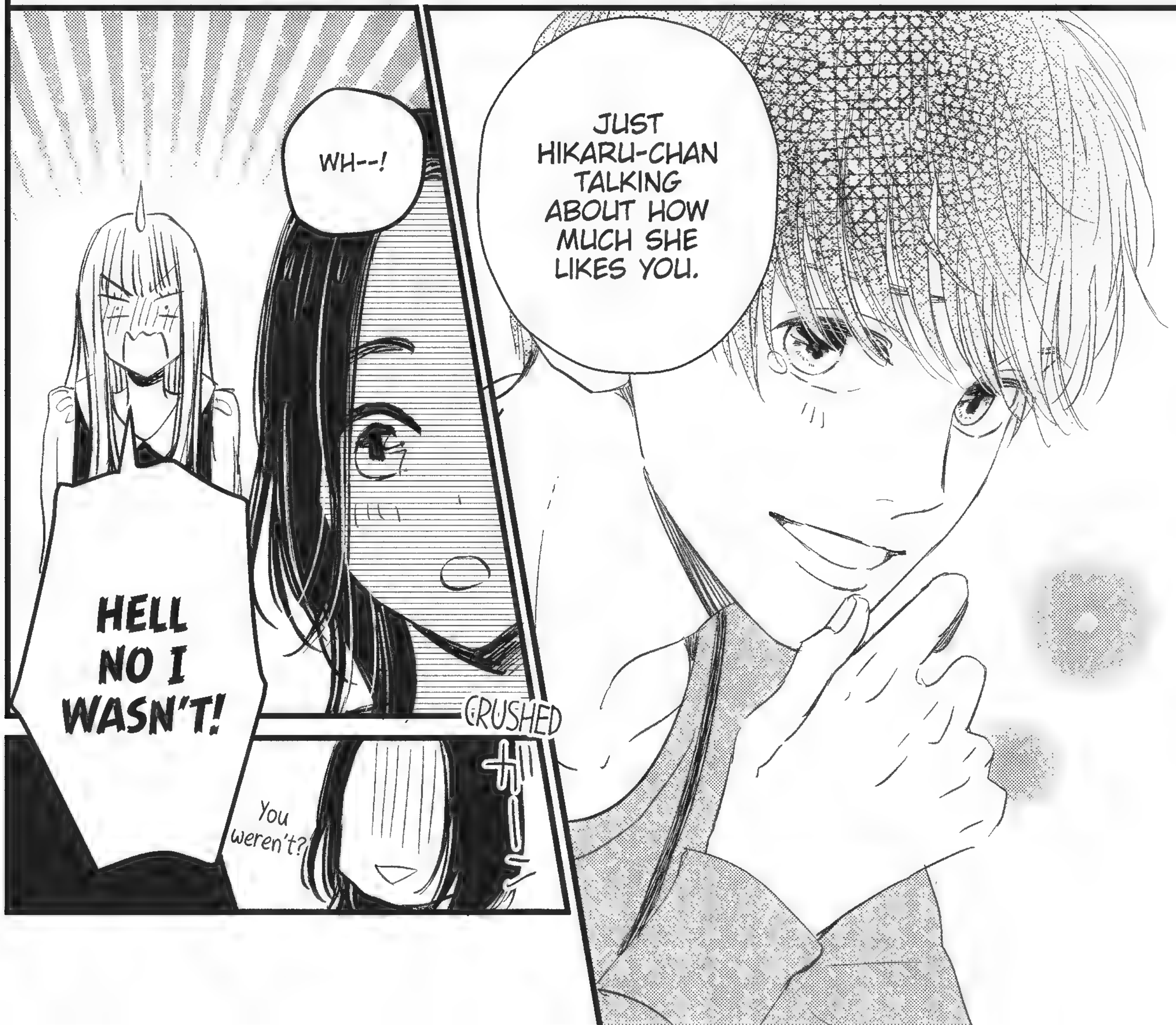
I'M BAAAAACK!

YOU'RE
WRONG,
DAMMIT!



WHAT'S HUH?
UP?

HM?



JUST
HIKARU-CHAN
TALKING
ABOUT HOW
MUCH SHE
LIKES YOU.

WH--!

**HELL
NO I
WASN'T!**

CRUSHED

You
weren't?

We're not that close!

QUIT USING -CHAN WITH ME!

Ah-ha-ha.

DUMP THIS TOOL, HARUKA!

HE'S HELLA FISHY!

NOT AS MUCH AS YOU, HIKARU-CHAN.

Probably.

THEY SEEM... WEIRDLY FRIENDLY?

SO, WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS ARE YOU TWO?

THE HECK ARE YOU SAY-ING?

I GUESS SHE'S A... SAVED MY HIDE KIND OF FRIEND.

WE MET BY PURE CHANCE.

HUHH. GOOD QUESTION.

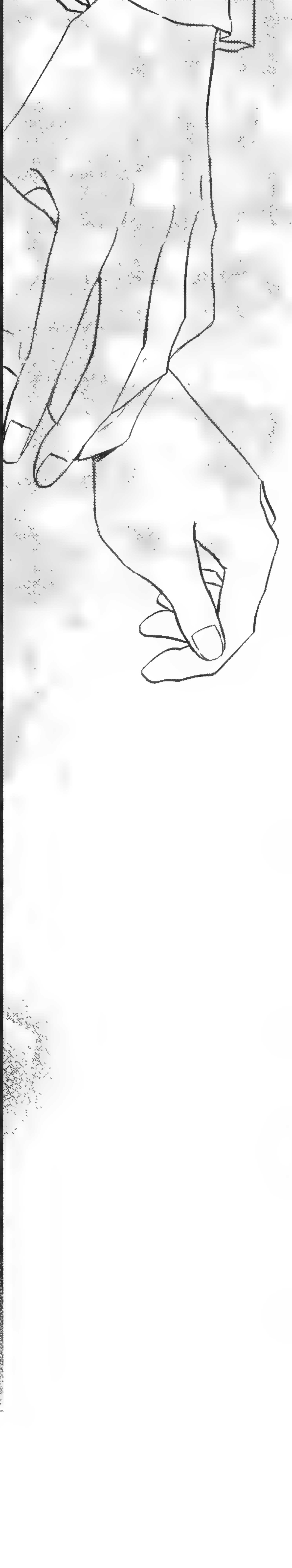
WHAT KIND OF FRIENDS?

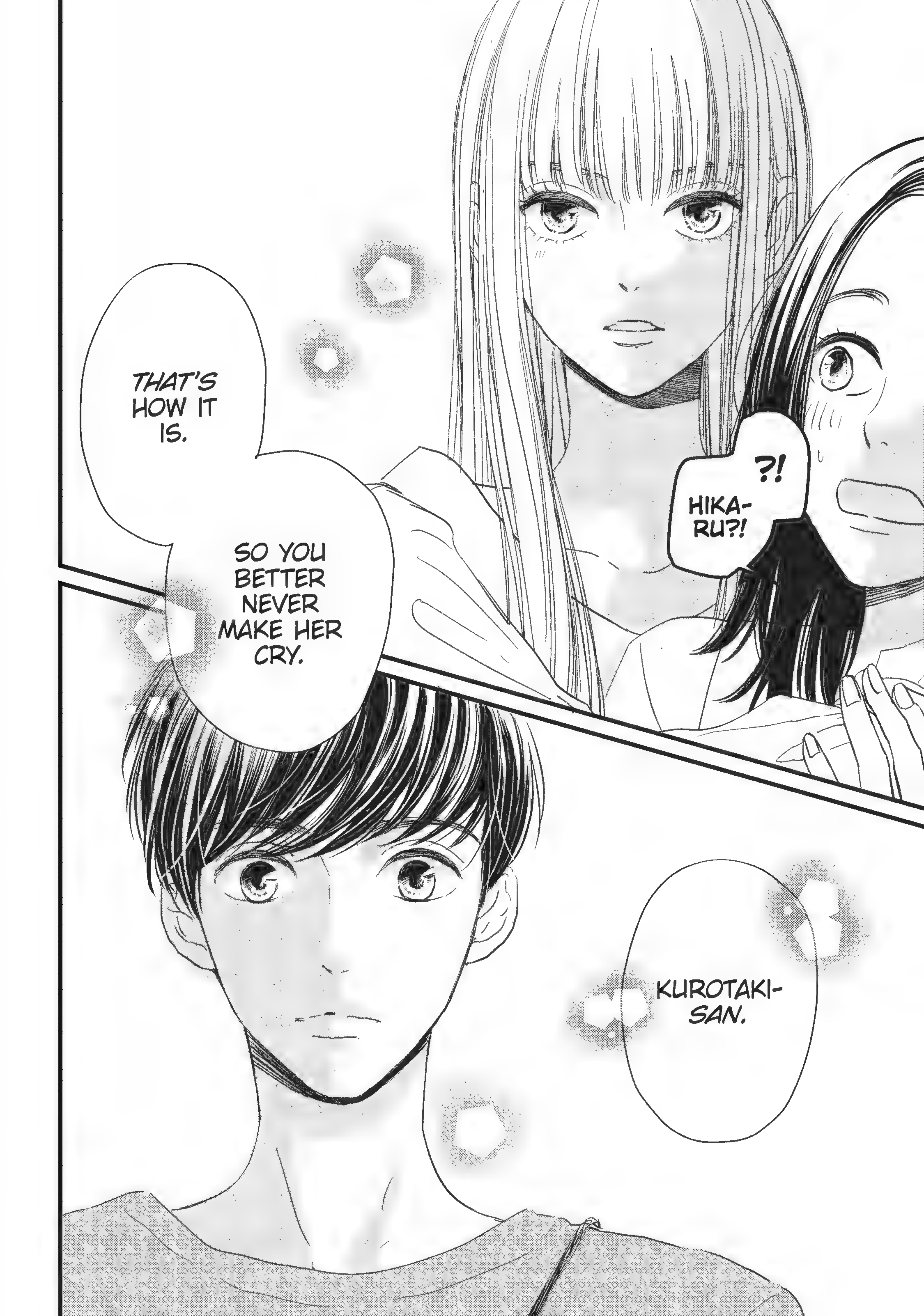
I don't get it.



MMM...
I DUNNO
EXACTLY
WHAT WE
ARE...

BUT
HIKARU'S
SOMEONE
I REALLY,
REALLY
LIKE!





THAT'S
HOW IT
IS.

SO YOU
BETTER
NEVER
MAKE HER
CRY.

?!
HIKA-
RU?!

KUROTAKI-
SAN.

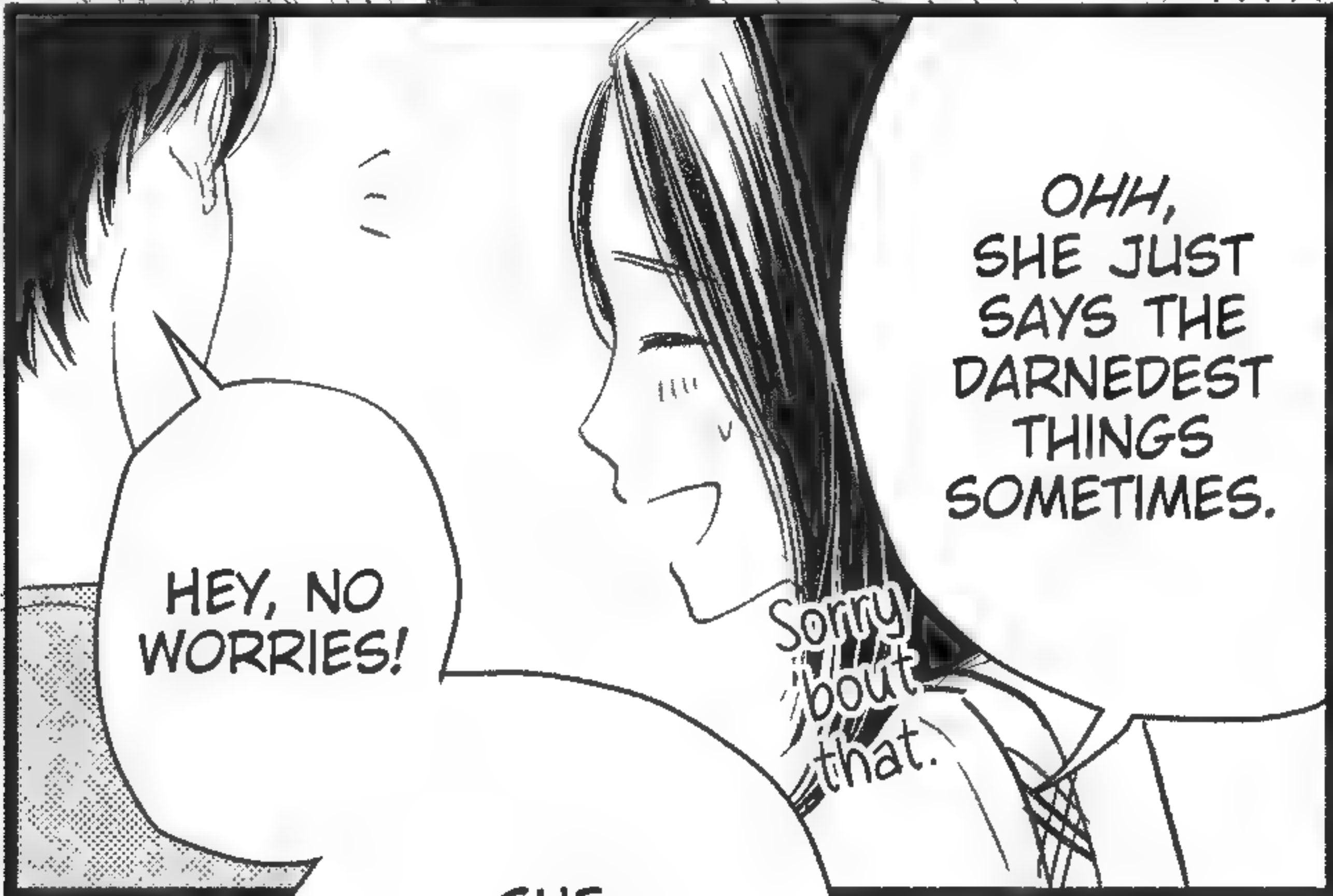


THANK
YOU SO
MUCH,
HIKARU!

LMMM.

ALL RIGHT!
THIS LITTLE
MENACE WILL
SEE HERSELF
OUT.

I'll DM
you
later!



HEY, NO
WORRIES!

OHH,
SHE JUST
SAYS THE
DARNEDEST
THINGS
SOMETIMES.

Sorry
about
that.

SHE
SEEMS
LIKE A
GOOD
FRIEND.

THOUGH...

Ooh,
let's
check it
out.

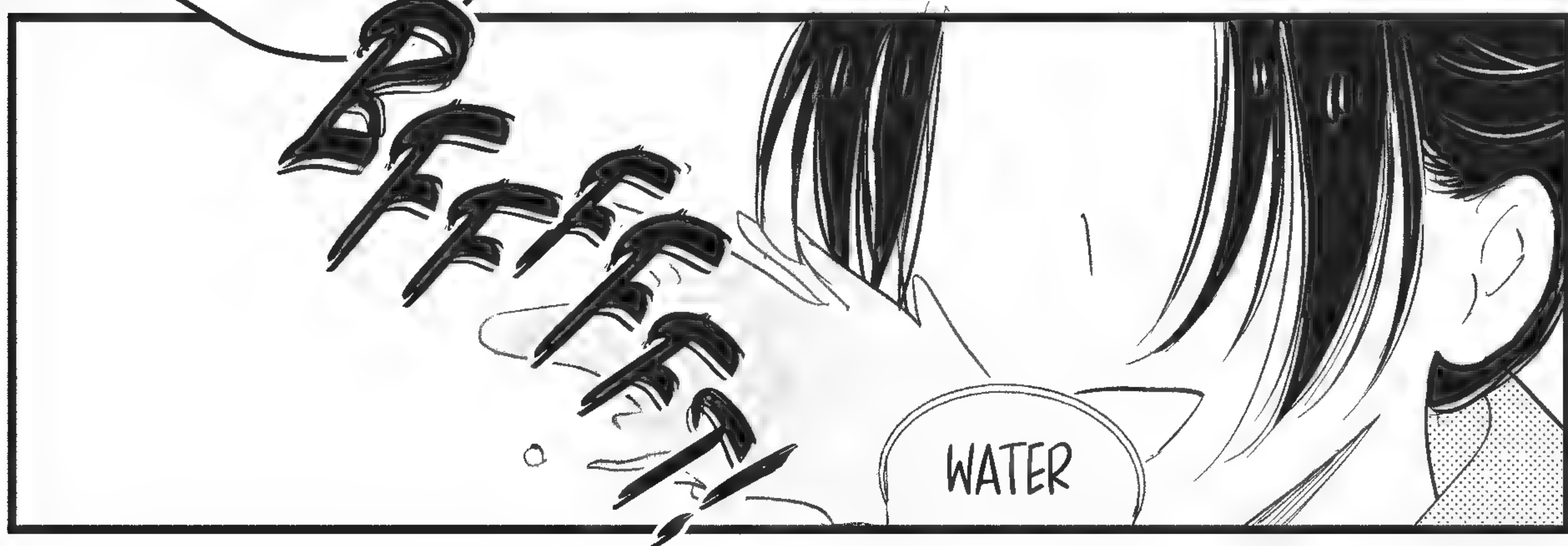
Kurotaki-
san! They're
selling
shrimp
over there!
Shriimp!

CLAK

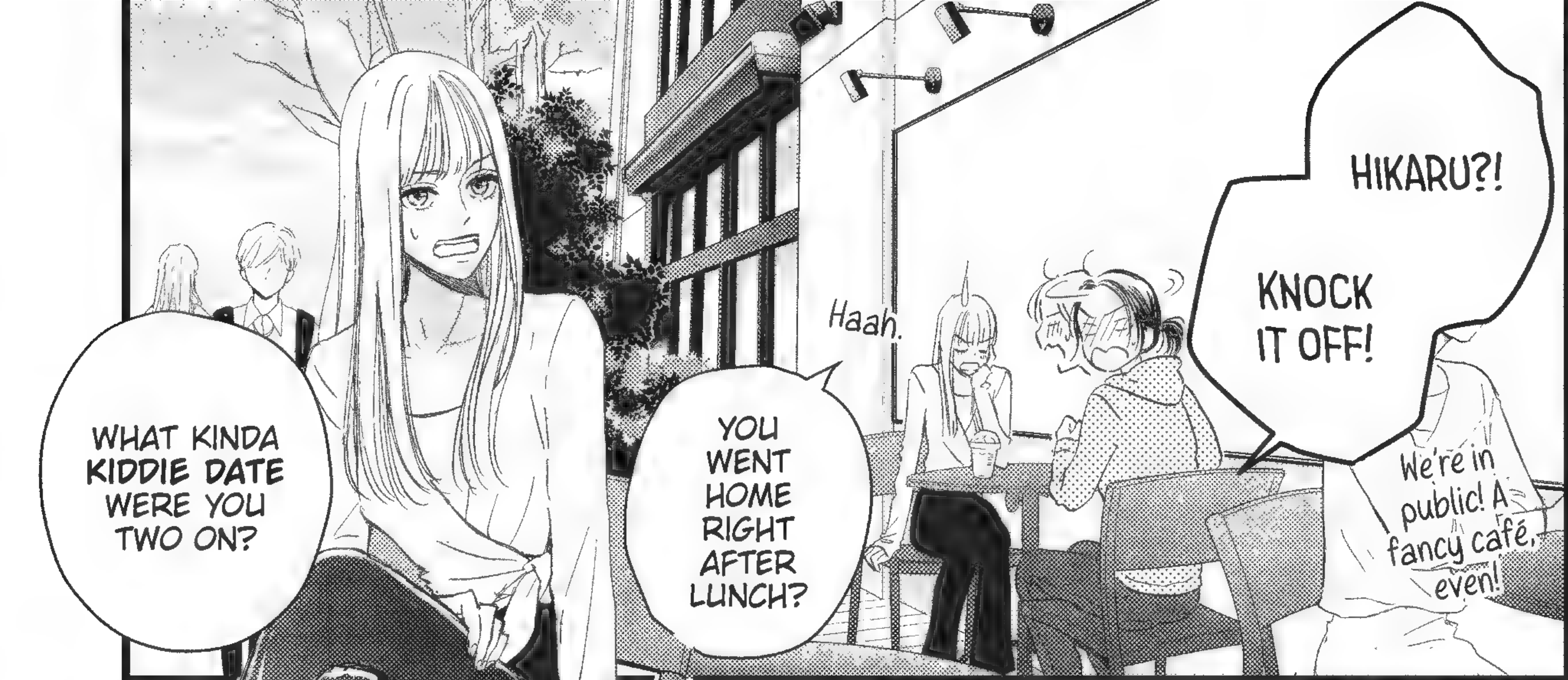


Stage.4





Cinderella Closet



WHAT KINDA
KIDDIE DATE
WERE YOU
TWO ON?

YOU
WENT
HOME
RIGHT
AFTER
LUNCH?

Haah.

HIKARU?!
KNOCK
IT OFF!

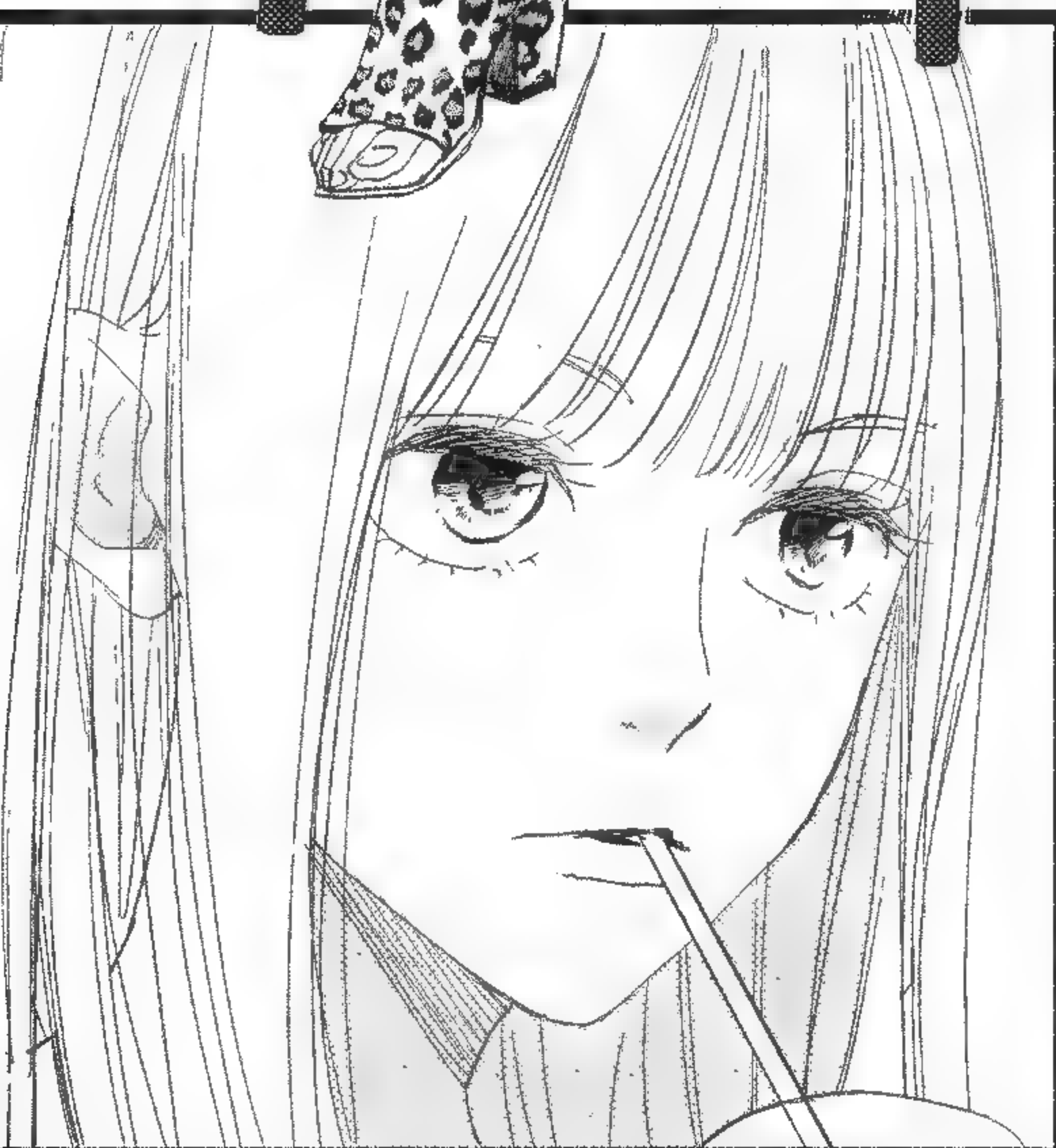
We're in
public! A
fancy café,
even!



STOP
TREATING
KUROTAKI-
SAN LIKE
SOME KIND
OF PERVERT!!

AND WHY
DIDN'T HE
TRY TO PUT
THE MOVES
ON YOU?

BET
HE THINKS
VIRGINS ARE
TOO MUCH
TROUBLE.



How could
you say
that?
Honestly...

I'M
SURE HE
WAS JUST
TRYING
TO TAKE
THINGS AT
MY PACE.

HE'S VERY
MATURE
AND KIND.

YOU GIVE
MEN TOO
MUCH
CREDIT.

HARUKA...



YOU
FOCUSED ON
BASKETBALL
THROUGHOUT
JUNIOR
HIGH...

THEN
YOU WENT
STRAIGHT
TO AN ALL-
GIRLS' HIGH
SCHOOL.

IS HE THE
ONLY MAN
YOU'VE HAD
A NORMAL
CONVERSATION
WITH SINCE
YOU MOVED
TO TOKYO?

I GET
THAT!
I'M NOT
STUPID!

IN REAL LIFE,
MEN ARE NOTHING
LIKE THEY ARE ON
TV DRAMAS AND
THINGS LIKE THAT.

THEN STOP
GLORIFYING
HIM.

THINK
ABOUT
WHY THAT
MIGHT BE.

BUT DESPITE
VERY MUCH
BEING AN ADULT
MAN, HE ISN'T
MOVING ON
YOU.

SO, YOU
KNOW HE
LIKES YOU.

DOES
HE EVEN
INTEND TO
KEEP DATING
YOU?

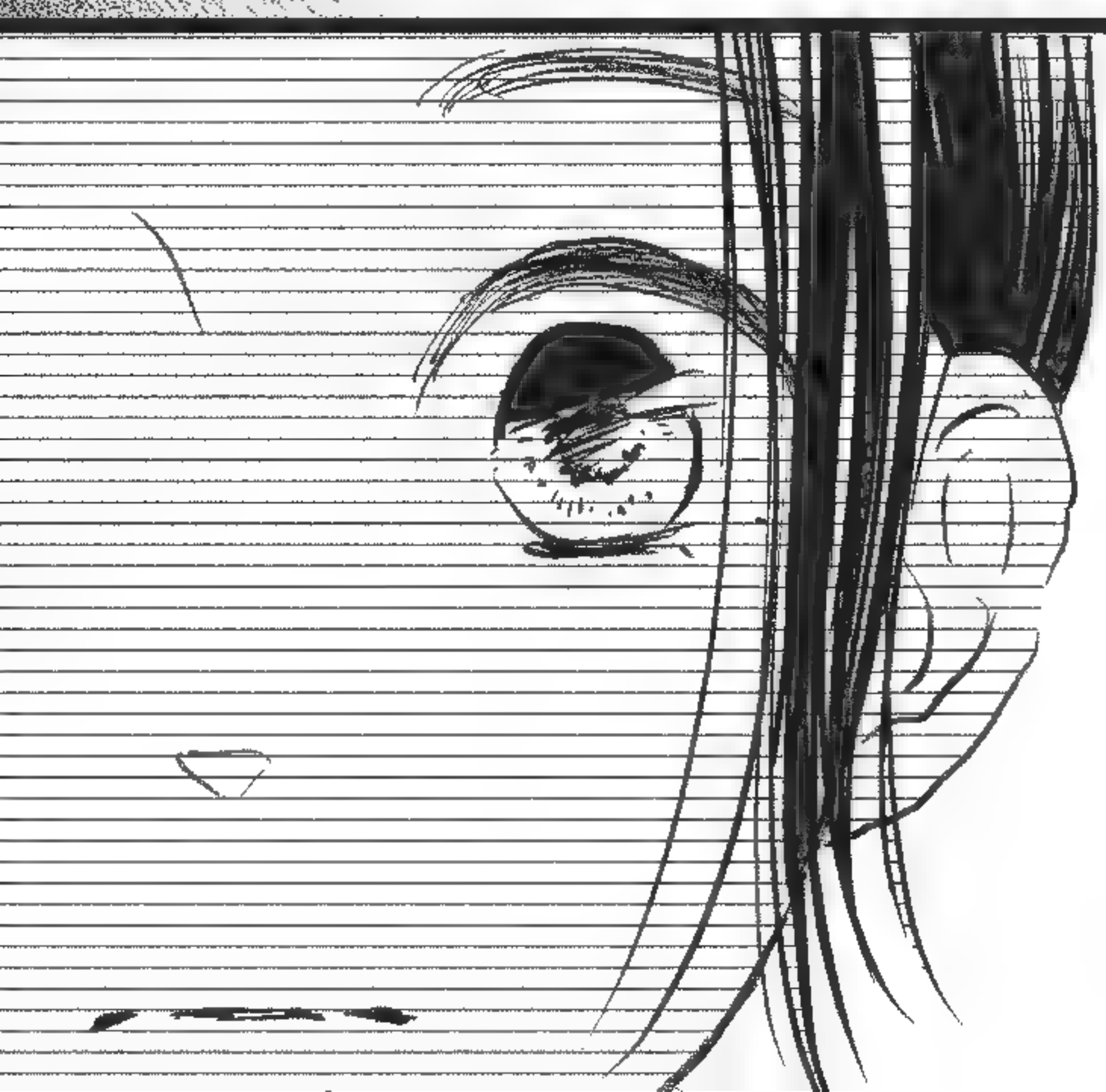
HE MIGHT
ALREADY
BE SEEING
SOMEONE
ELSE FOR
SEX.

IS HE JUST
KEEPING HIS
DISTANCE?

DOES HE
ACTUALLY
CARE FOR
YOU?

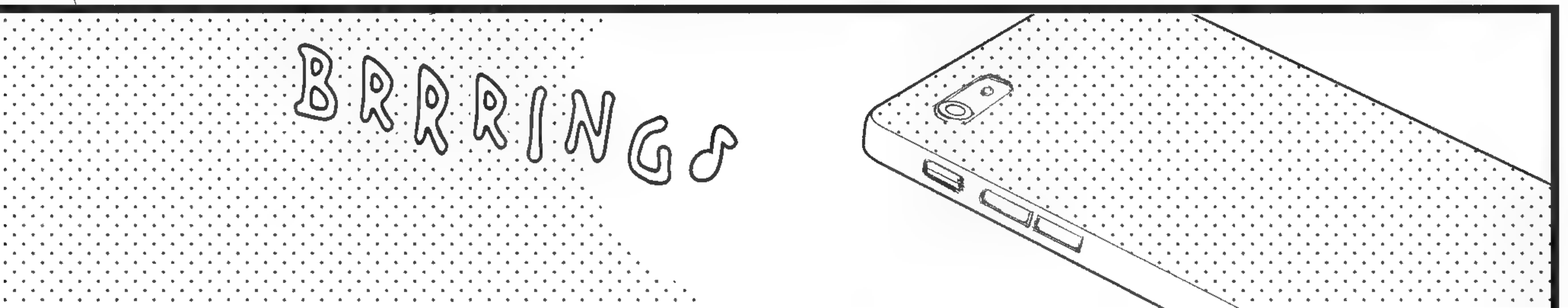


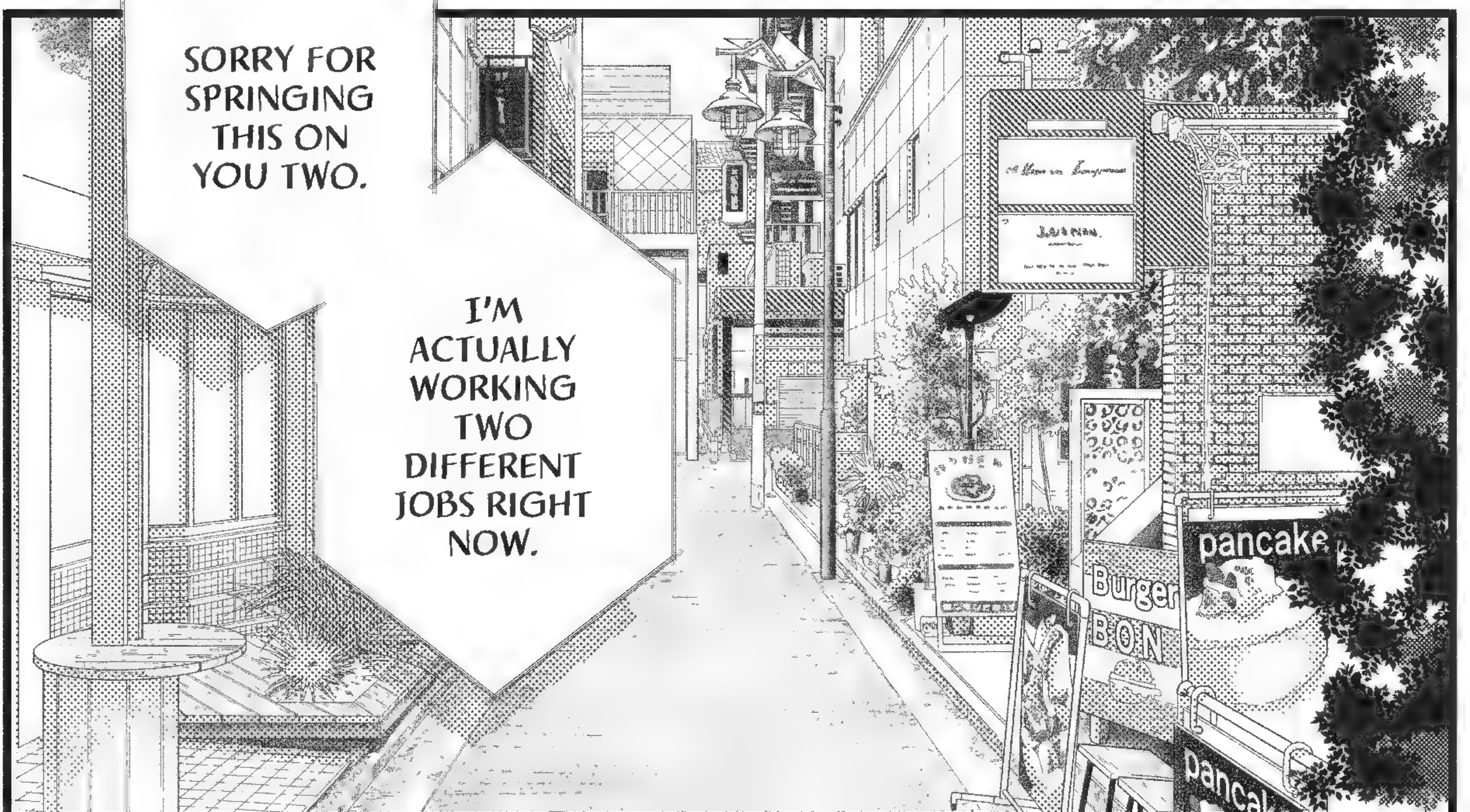
**YOU
NEED TO
SORT THIS
OUT RIGHT
AWAY...**



**OR ELSE
THE TWO OF
YOU WILL
DRIFT APART
BEFORE YOU
KNOW IT.**









THIS
IS OUR
GRAND
OPENING
PARTY!

EAT ALL
YOU LIKE!

I
PERSONALLY
RECOMMEND
THE
HOMEMADE
SAUSAGE.



THIS DISH
WAS MADE
WITH
LOCALLY-
GROWN
VEGGIES.



WE'VE
GOT A
HAND-
CRAFTED
PIZZA IN
THE OVEN.

AND IF
YOU'LL
WAIT A
LITTLE
BIT...





OH MY
GOD! THIS
PLACE IS
WIILD!!

YOU
SURE WE
CAN JUST
SHOW UP
LIKE THIS?

UHH.

OKAY.

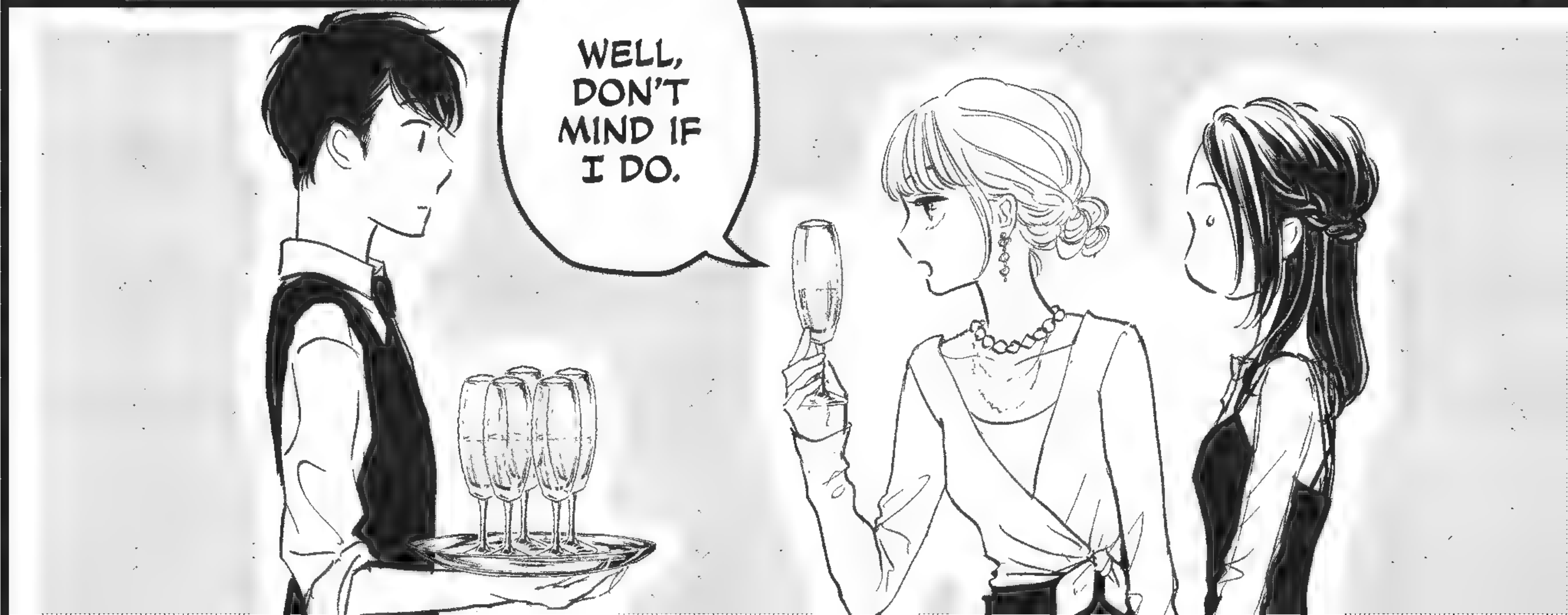
HEY,
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT
IT.

THE
OWNER'S
MY SENPAI
FROM HIGH
SCHOOL.
HE
INSISTED
I INVITE
ANY
GIRLS I
KNEW.

AND I GET
TO SEE
KUROTAKI-
SAN IN A
WAITER'S
OUTFIT!

He wants
their
opinions
on the
place.

WELL,
DON'T
MIND IF
I DO.



HIKARU
SURE
DRESSED
UP NICE
ON SUCH
SHORT
NOTICE.

..
We're
invited to
a party,
Hikaru!!

I'm so
loooost!

Oh God,
what
should I
wear?!

Calm down.
It's not
like you're
going to
meet some
overseas
celebrity.

Just
put on
some nice
clothes...

some
accesso-
ries...

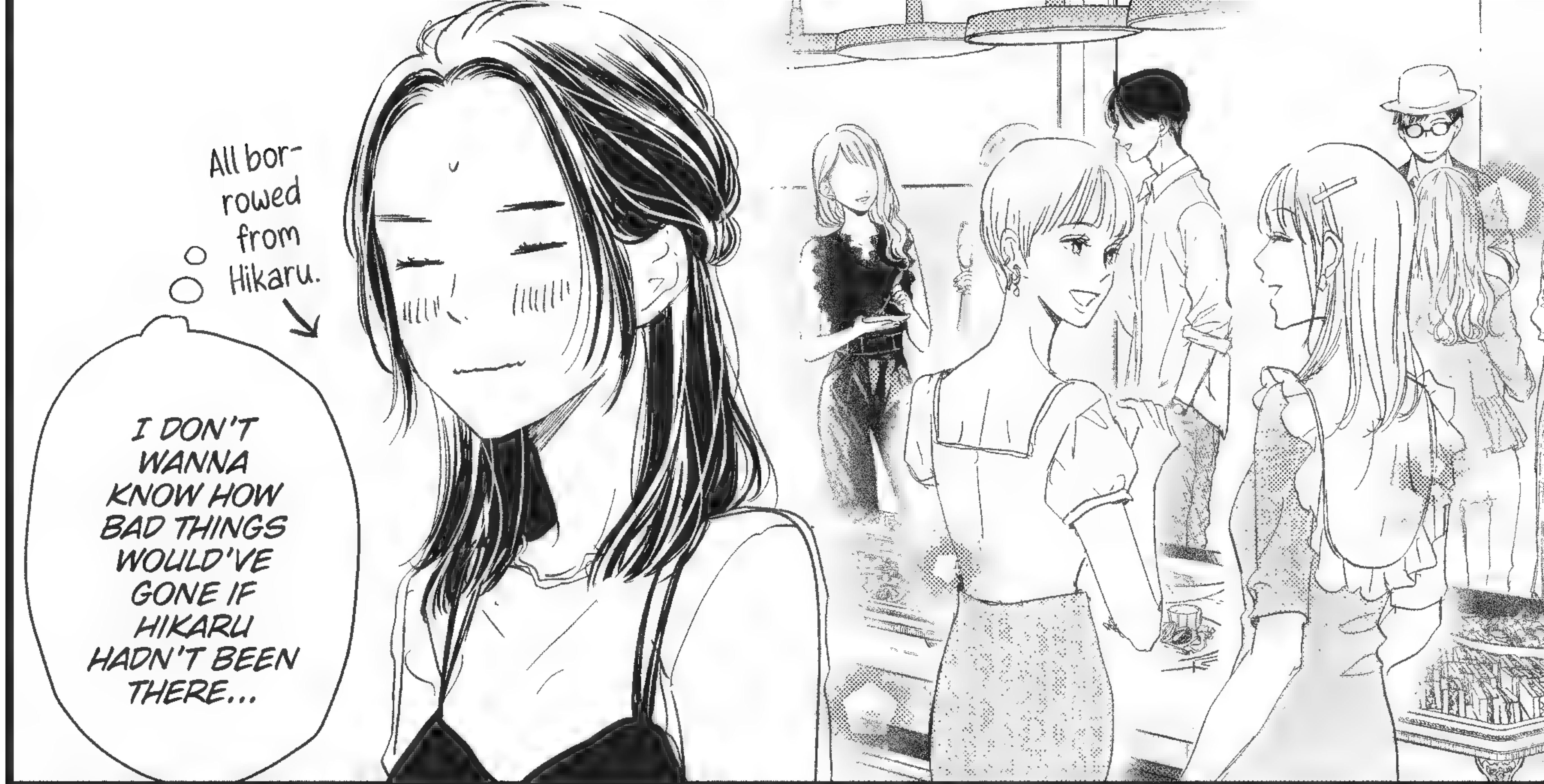
and
do your
hair up.

Oooooh,
makes
sense!

Wait--
that only
works
for you,
Hikaru!!

That's plenty
for a quick party
look! ★





All borrowed from Hikaru.

I DON'T WANNA KNOW HOW BAD THINGS WOULD'VE GONE IF HIKARU HADN'T BEEN THERE...



DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT.

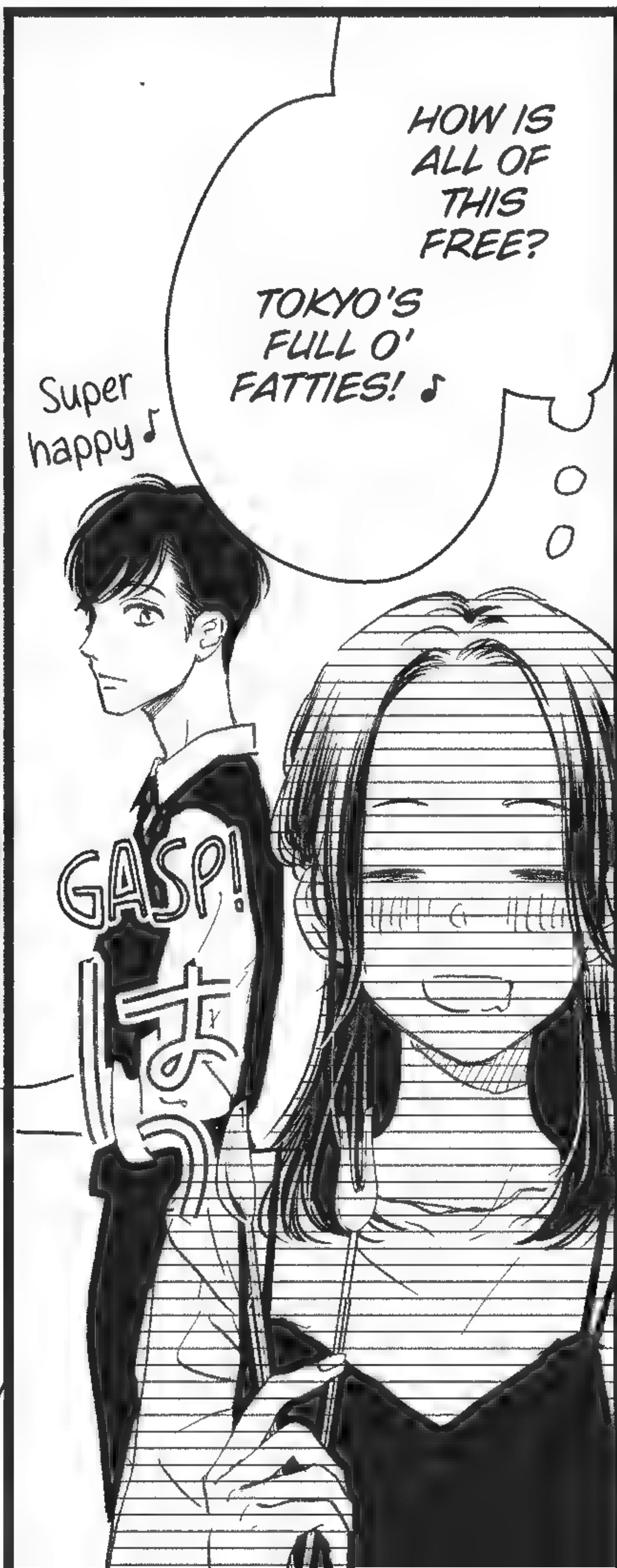
AH, I JUST WANNA STUFF SOME OF THIS INTO A BOX AND EAT IT TOMORROW.



WAIT, I'M GOOD! I HAVEN'T PIGGED OUT YET!!



HE'S WATCHING!



Super happy ♪

HOW IS ALL OF THIS FREE?

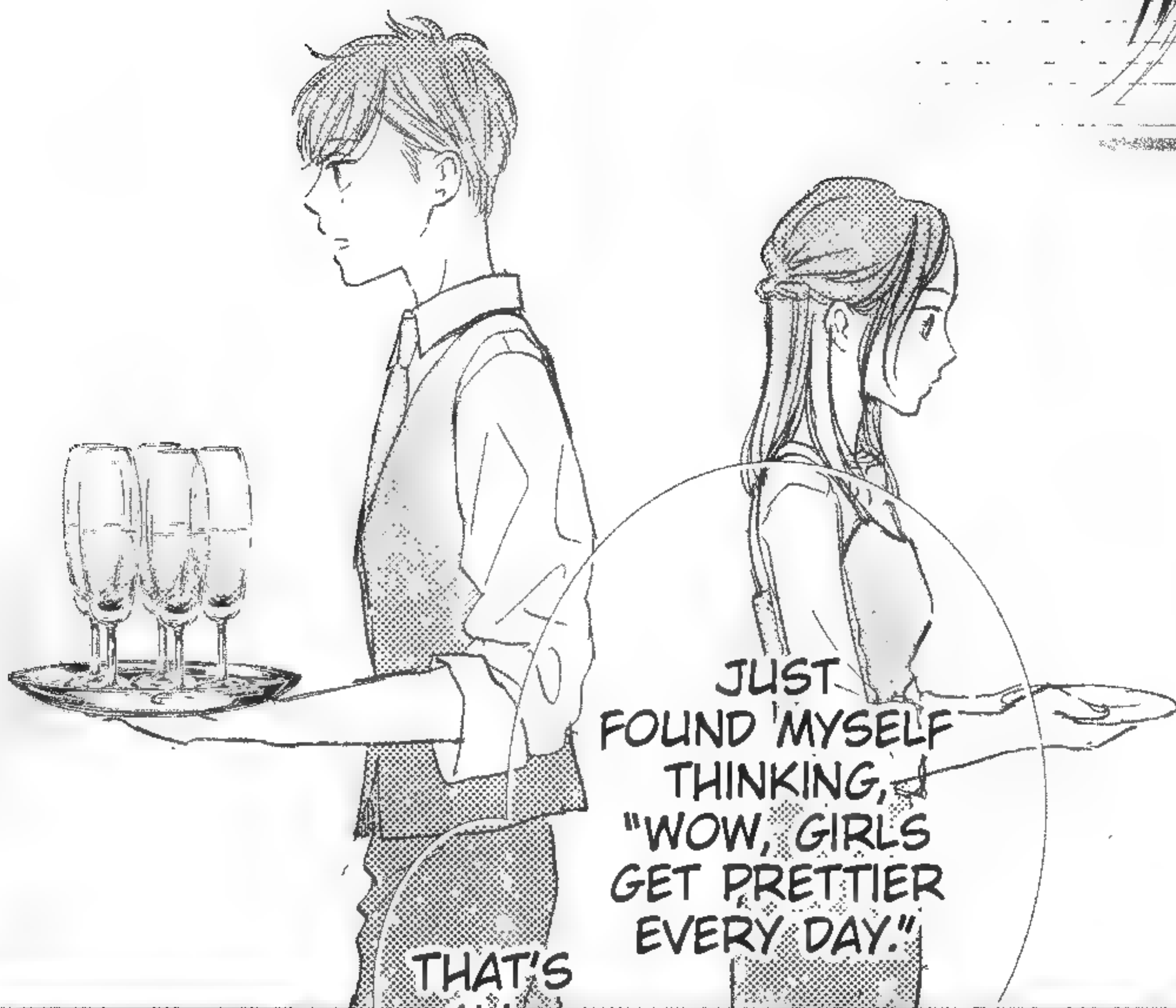
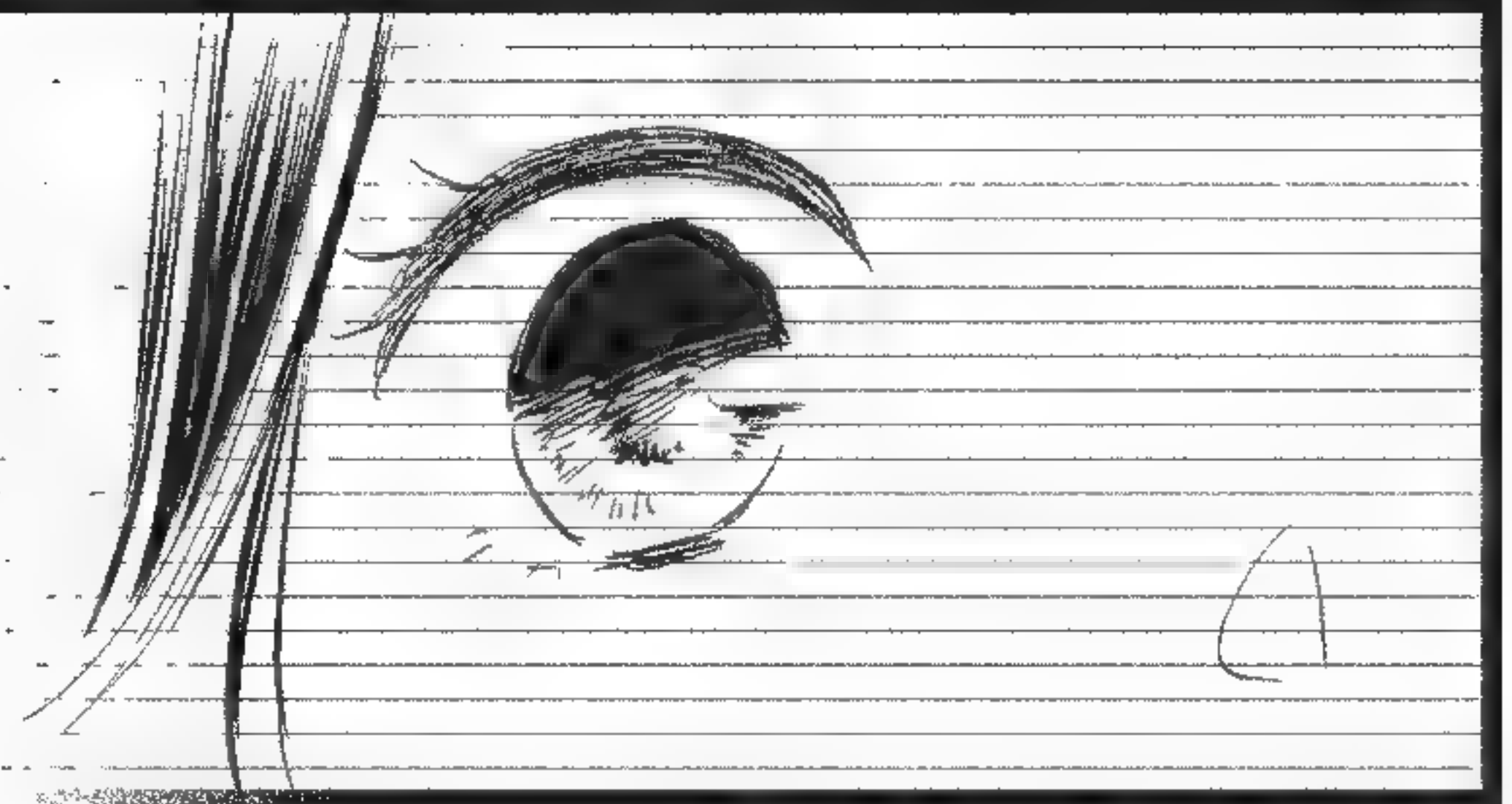
TOKYO'S FULL O' FATTIES! ♪

GASP!



OH, NOT MUCH.

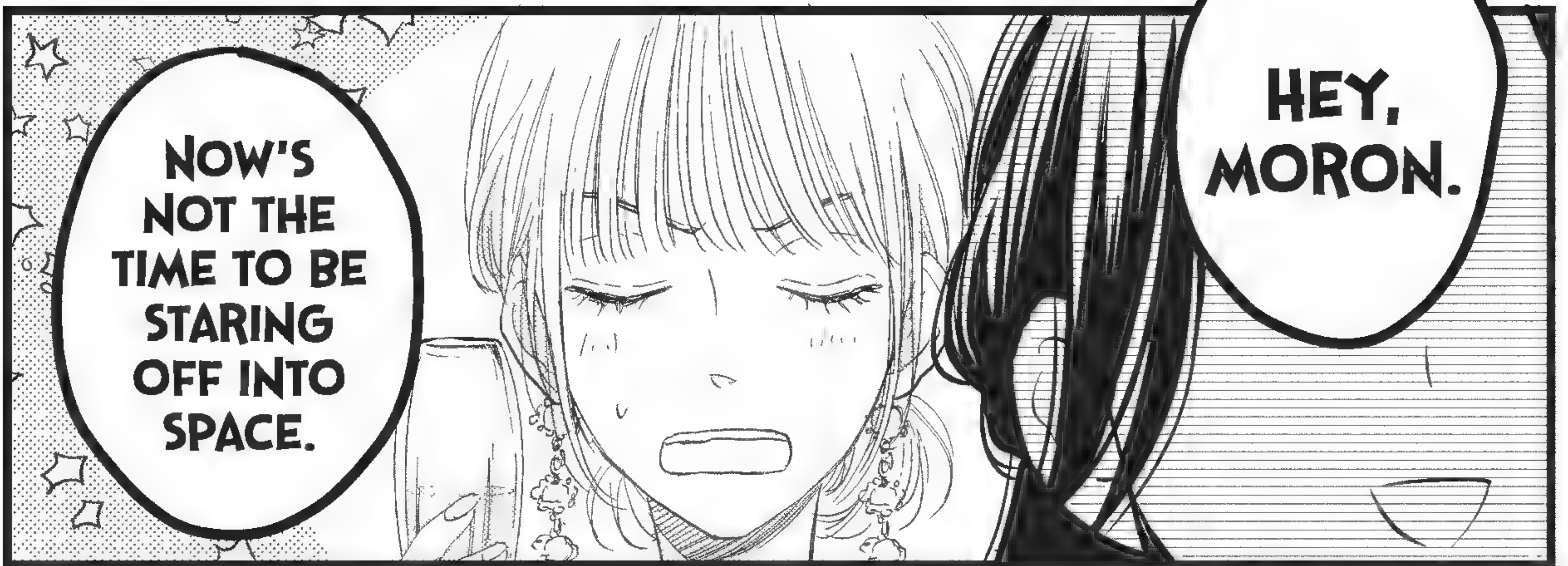
WH-WHAT'S UP?



JUST
FOUND MYSELF
THINKING, I
"WOW, GIRLS
GET PRETTIER
EVERY DAY."

THAT'S
ALL.





NOW'S
NOT THE
TIME TO BE
STARING
OFF INTO
SPACE.

HEY,
MORON.



MOST OF
THE GIRLS
THAT HE'S
TALKED TO
SEEM TO
KNOW HIM,
DON'T THEY?

HE'S
SURE
GOTTEN
AROUND.

Former
classmates,
I'd wager.

Long
time
no
see!

Ah!
THANKS,
HIKARU!



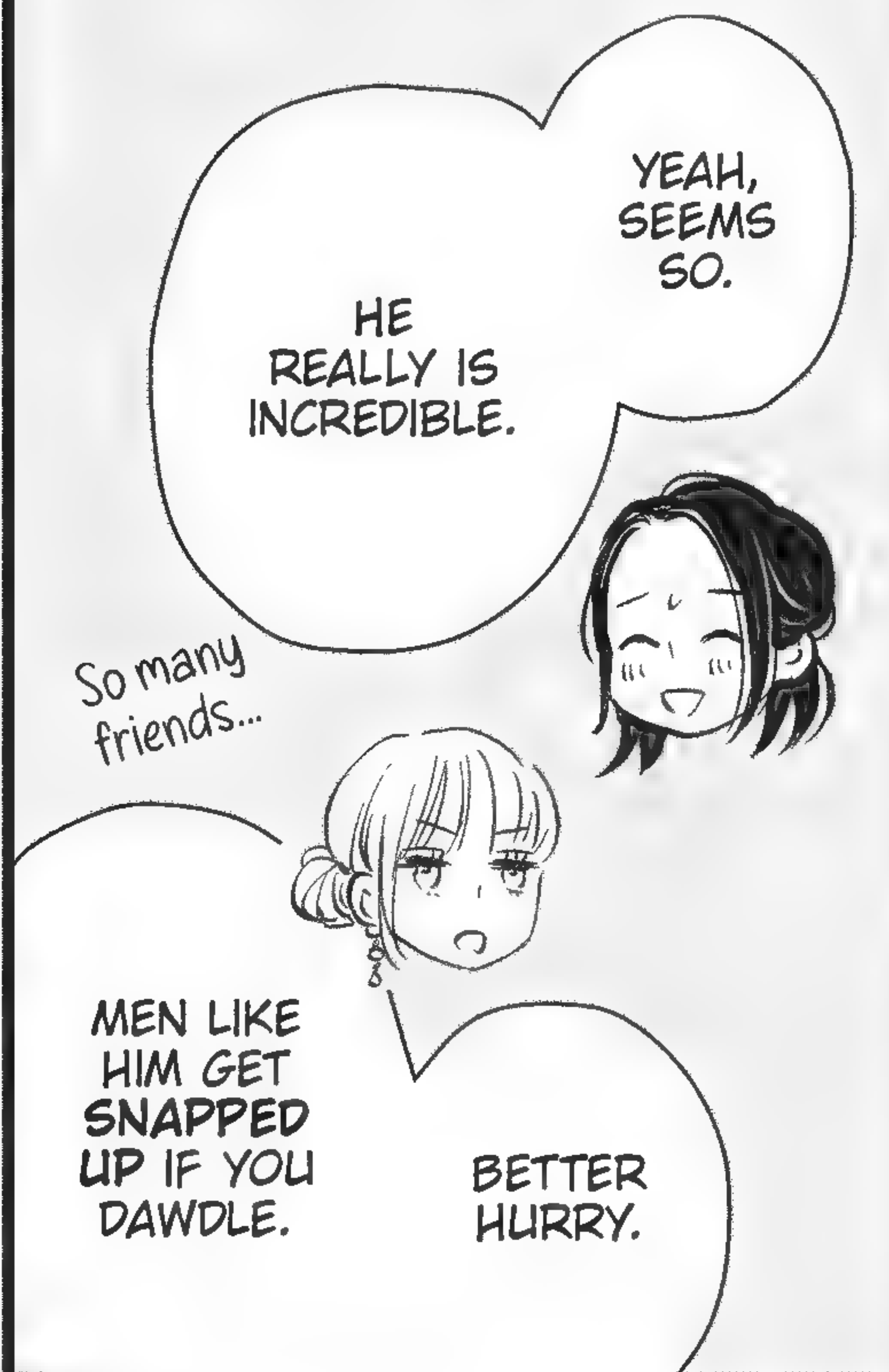
"HEY, WHAT
SORT OF
FEELINGS
DO YOU
HAVE FOR
ME?"

GO
ASK HIM
THAT!
RIGHT
NOW!



SWF
OOH, THAT
ALSO LOOKS
TASTY!

IS THIS
REALLY THE
TIME TO BE
ADMIRING THE
FOOD?!



HE
REALLY IS
INCREDIBLE.

YEAH,
SEEMS
SO.

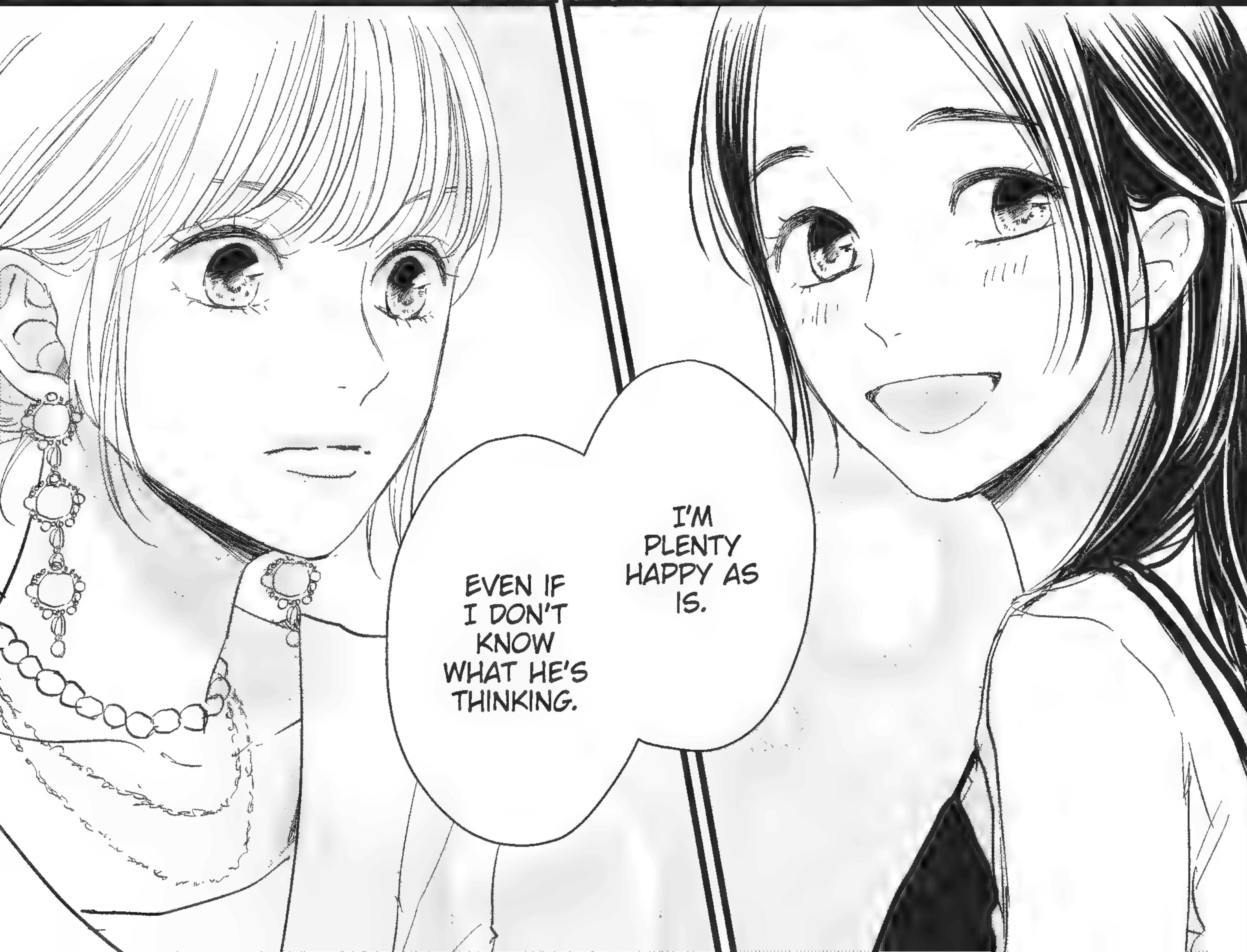
So many
friends...

MEN LIKE
HIM GET
SNAPPED
UP IF YOU
DAWDL.

BETTER
HURRY.



OH, YOU DON'T
HAVE TO WORRY
ABOUT THAT.



EVEN IF
I DON'T
KNOW
WHAT HE'S
THINKING.

I'M
PLENTY
HAPPY AS
IS.

I NEVER
IMAGINED
THINGS LIKE
THIS COULD
EVEN HAPPEN
TO ME.

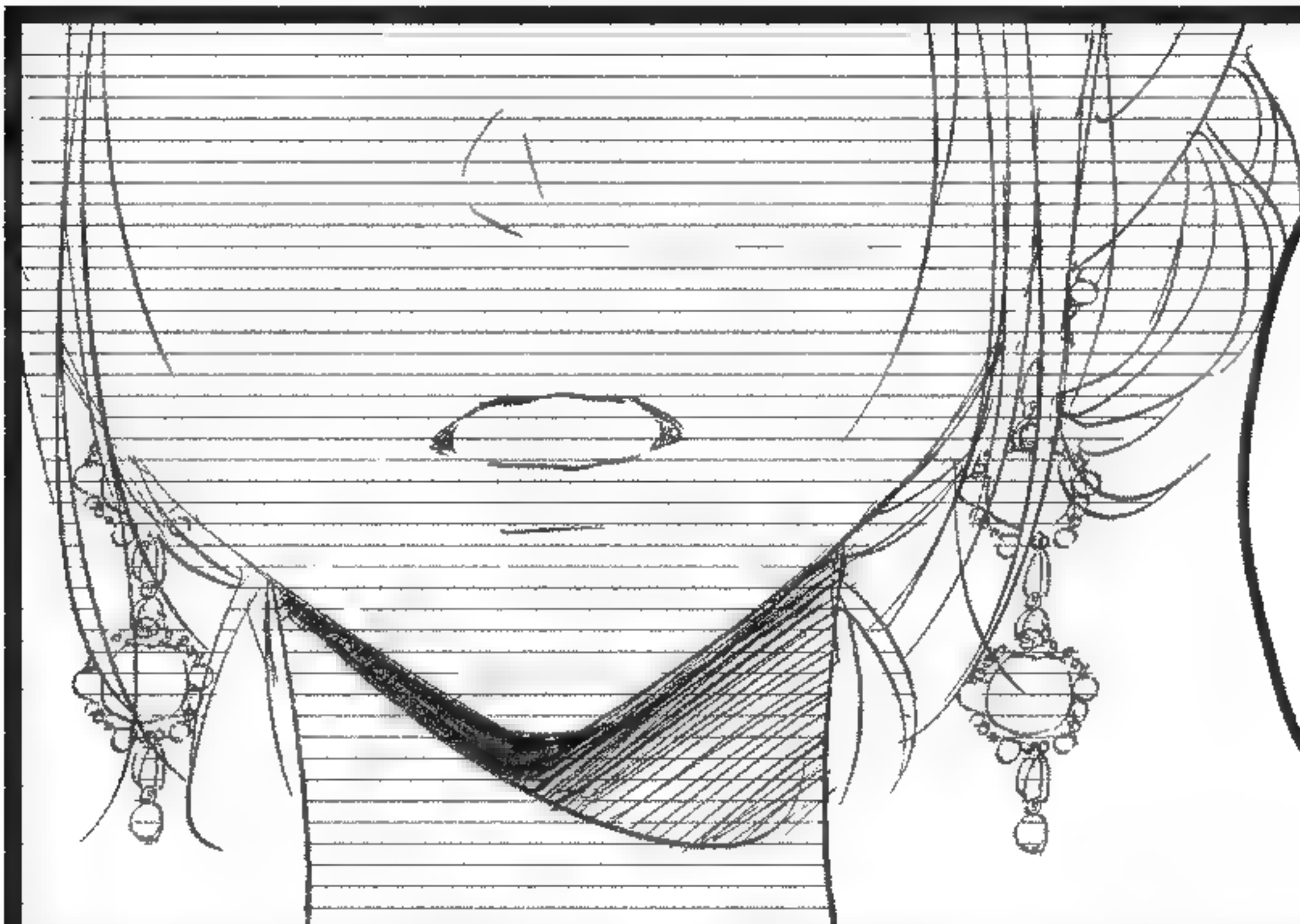
AND HE
INVITED ME
TO THIS
LOVELY
RESTAURANT.

WE
WENT
ON A
DATE...



I
COULDN'T
ASK FOR
MORE--

SHUT
UP.



HUH?!

What did
you--

YOU'RE NOT
BEING EVEN
REMOTELY
HONEST.

I'M
TELLING
YOU TO
SHUT THE
HELL UP!

AND
DROP THAT
INNOCENT
LITTLE
BABY ACT
ALREADY.



THEY
ALWAYS
END UP
HOLLOW
INSIDE.

GIRLS
WHO ACT ALL
INNOCENT AND
SELFLESS?

YOU'RE
AFRAID OF
GETTING HURT.
YOU DON'T WANT
TO FIGHT FOR
YOUR LOVE.

LIAR!

I'M NOT
PUTTING
ON AN
ACT AT
ALL!
EXCUSE
ME?!

IF YOU
REALLY LOVE
SOMEONE,
THEN IT'S
ONLY NATURAL
TO WANT
THEM ALL TO
YOURSELF.

I'M NOT
LYING.

QUIT
RUNNING--

THAT
REALLY
IS HOW
I FEEL.



IF
HIKARU
WASN'T
HERE
WITH
ME...

EVERYONE
HERE LIVES IN
A DIFFERENT
WORLD THAN
MINE.

LOOK.

NO
MATTER
HOW YOU
SEE IT--



NOT A
SNOWBALL'S
CHANCE I'D
KEEP MYSELF
TOGETHER
HERE.

THIS
WORLD
IS TOO
BRIGHT
FOR ME.

THERE'S
NO WAY.

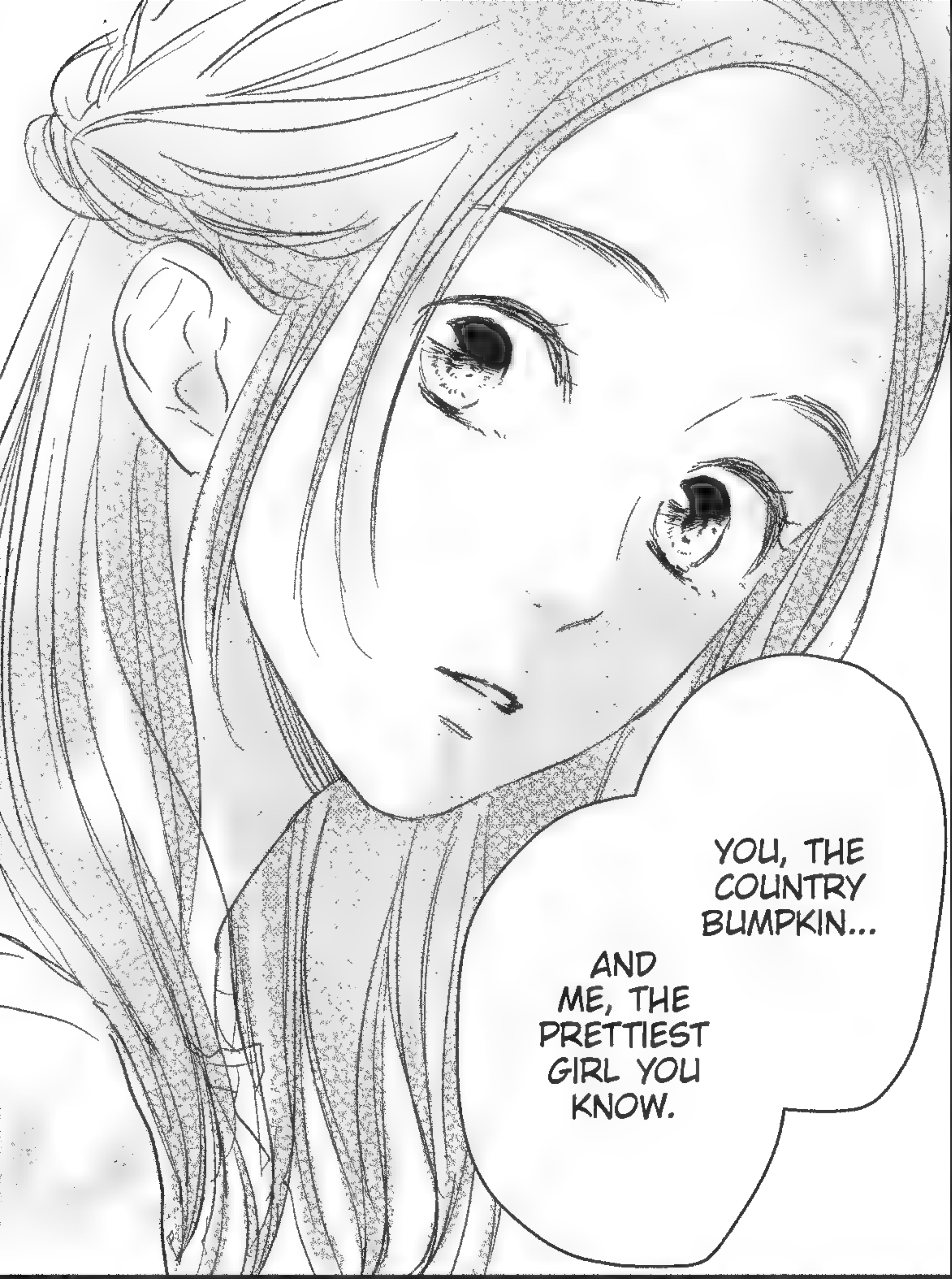


FIGHTING
FOR
LOVE?

I COULD
NEVER--



MISS ME
WITH THAT
"DIFFERENT
WORLD"
RUBBISH.

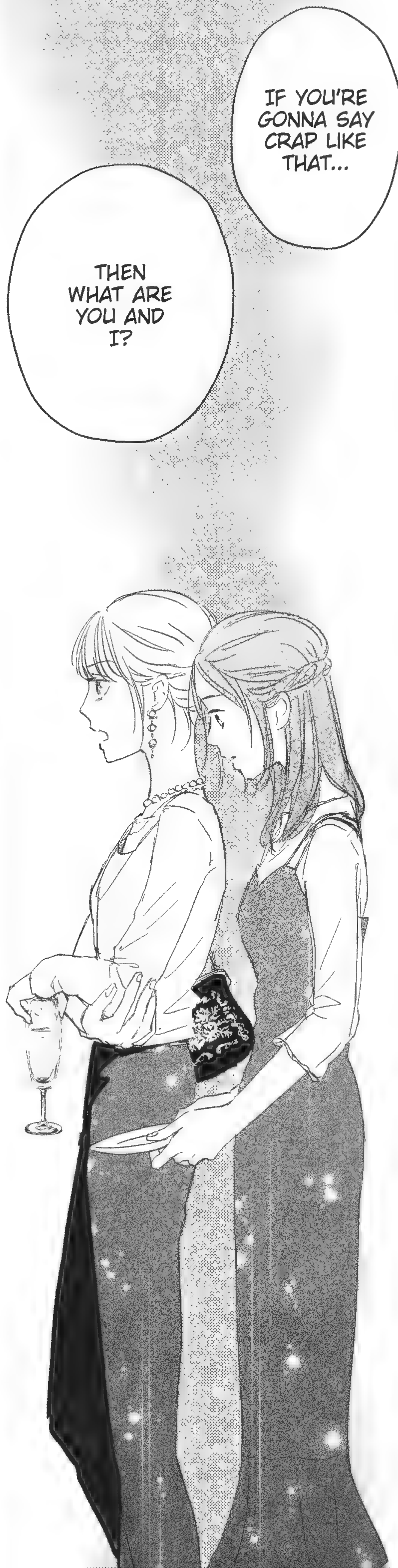


YOU, THE
COUNTRY
BUMPKIN...

AND
ME, THE
PRETTIEST
GIRL YOU
KNOW.



WE'RE
DIFFERENT,
BUT
AREN'T WE
FRIENDS?



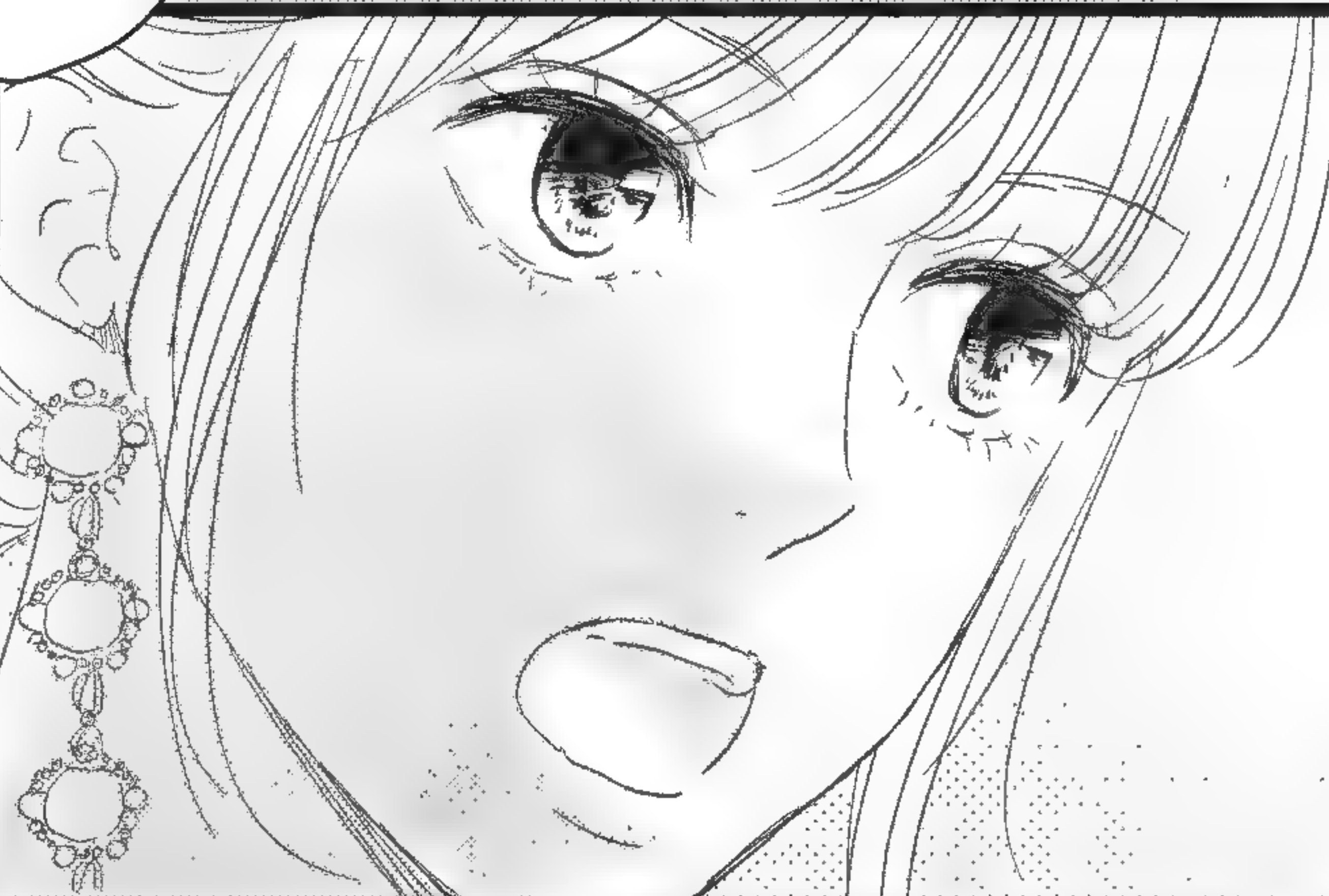
IF YOU'RE
GONNA SAY
CRAP LIKE
THAT...

THEN
WHAT ARE
YOU AND
I?

OH...

CHIN UP.

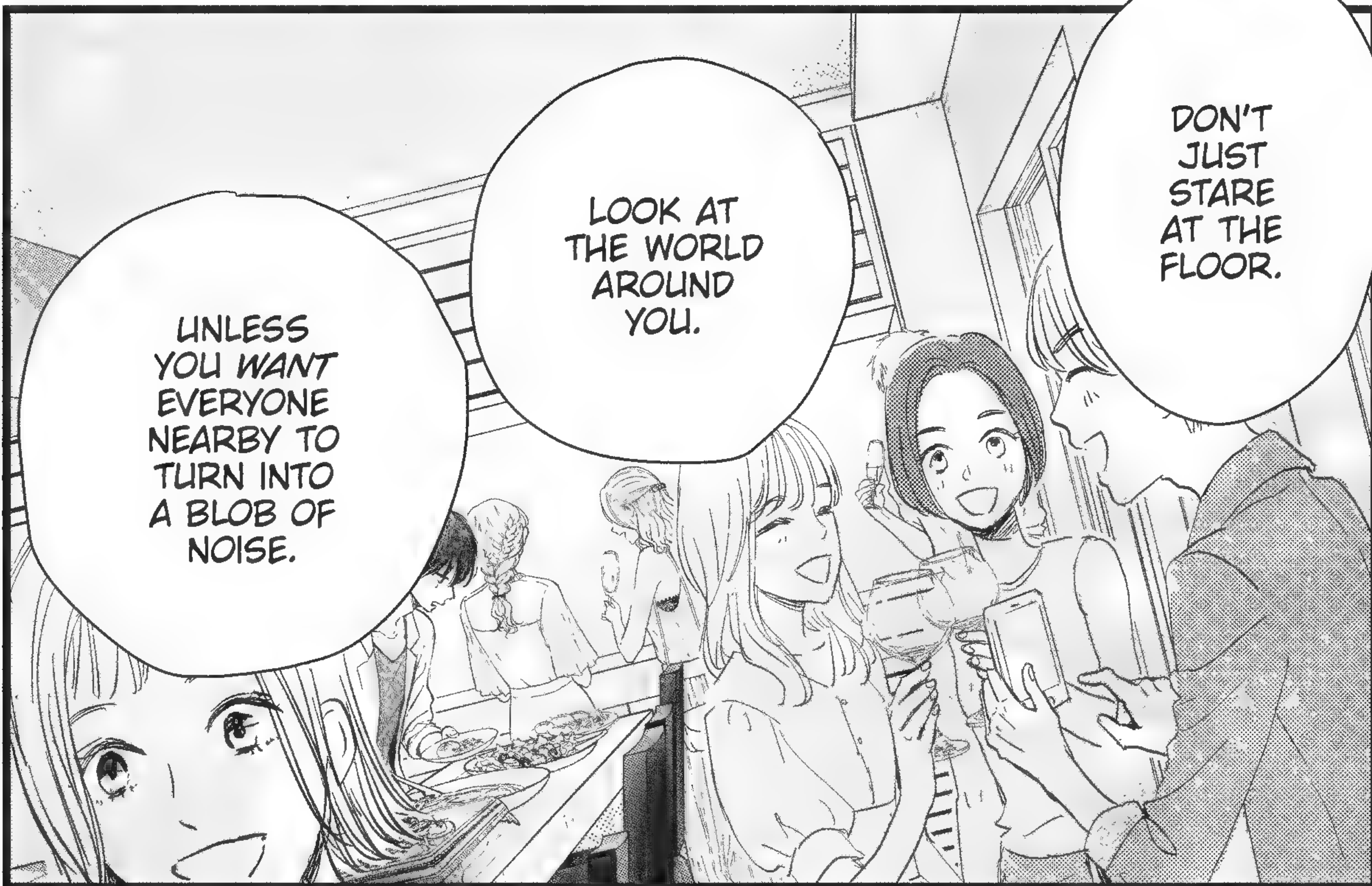
KEEP
YOUR EYES
FORWARD.

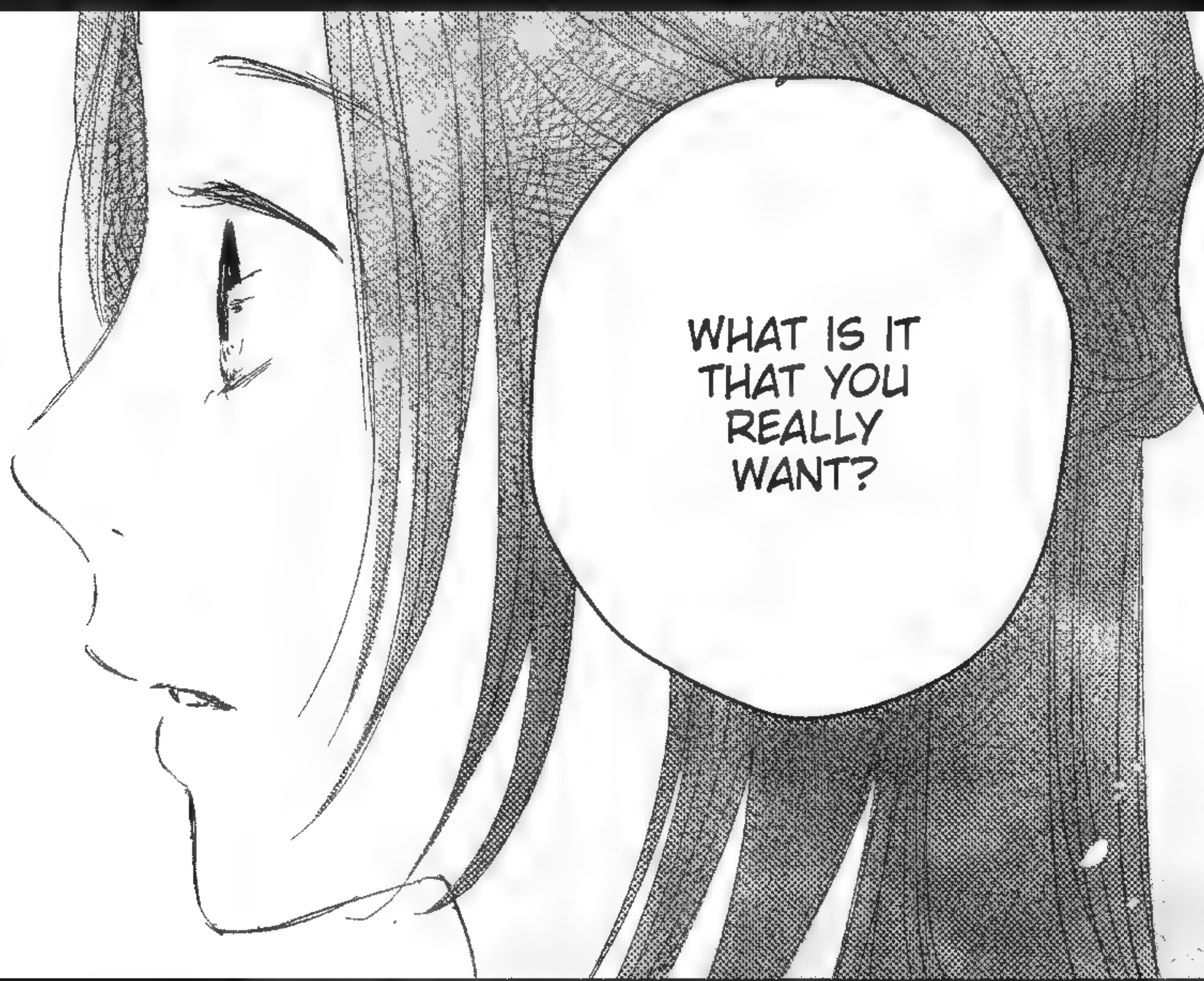


UNLESS
YOU WANT
EVERYONE
NEARBY TO
TURN INTO
A BLOB OF
NOISE.

LOOK AT
THE WORLD
AROUND
YOU.

DON'T
JUST
STARE
AT THE
FLOOR.





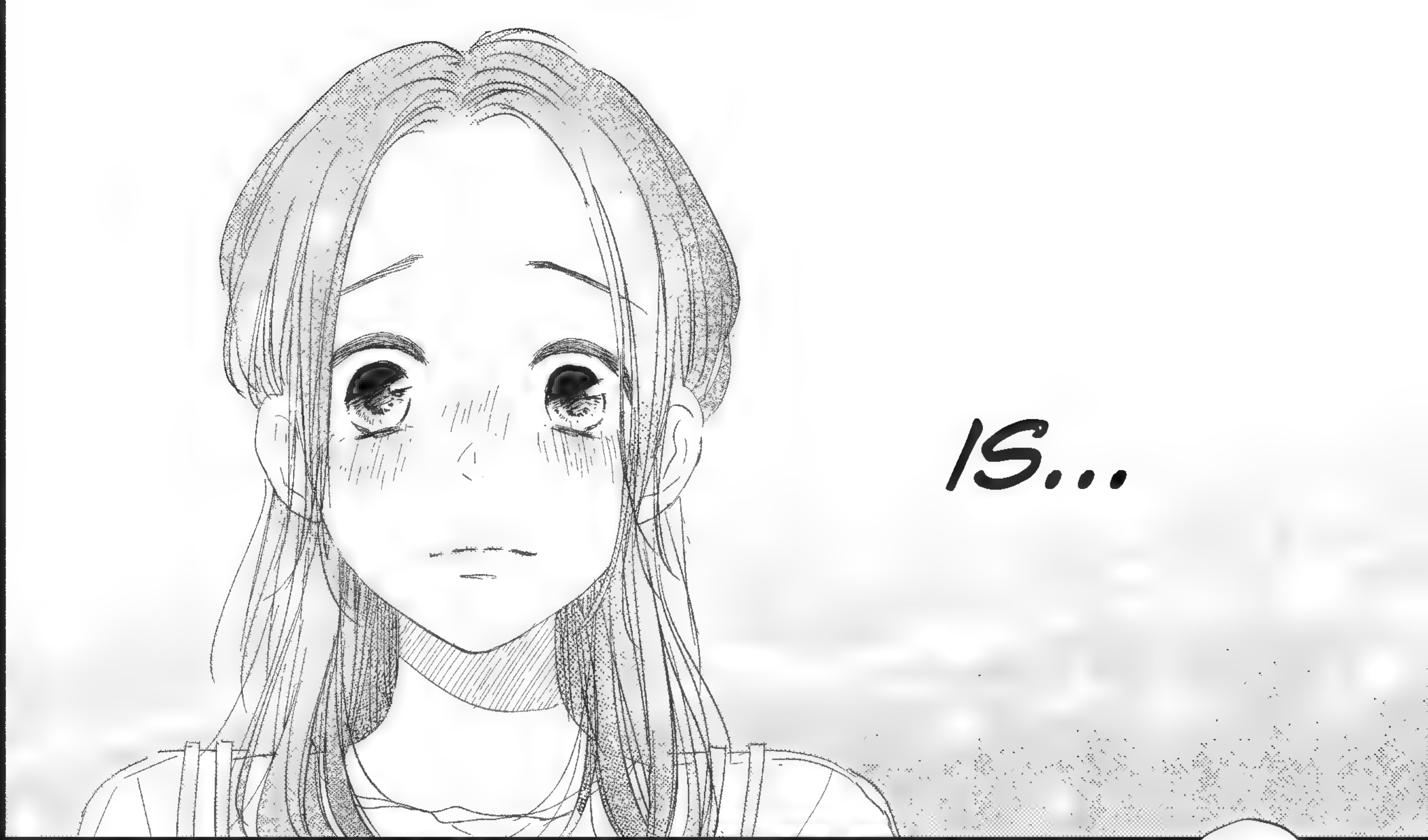
WHAT IS IT
THAT YOU
REALLY
WANT?

THINK
CAREFULLY.

DITCH THAT
INFERIORITY
COMPLEX,
EVEN FOR
JUST A
SECOND.



WHAT-I
REALLY
WANT
IS...



IS...



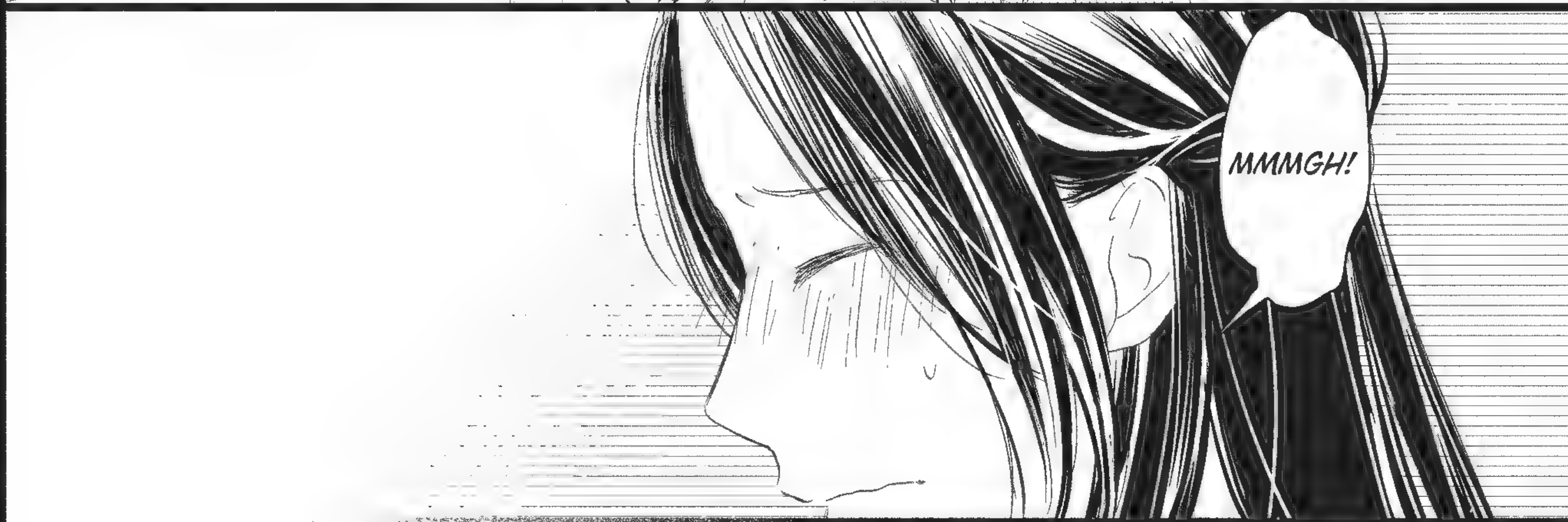
Hmmm.

AND?

MORE
THAN I
AM.

CLOSER TO
KUROTAKI-
SAN.

I WANT
TO BE...



MMMGH!

BE HIS
GIRL-
FRIEND.

AND I
WANT
TO...

JUST
THINKING
ABOUT IT
SCARES
ME SO
MUCH.

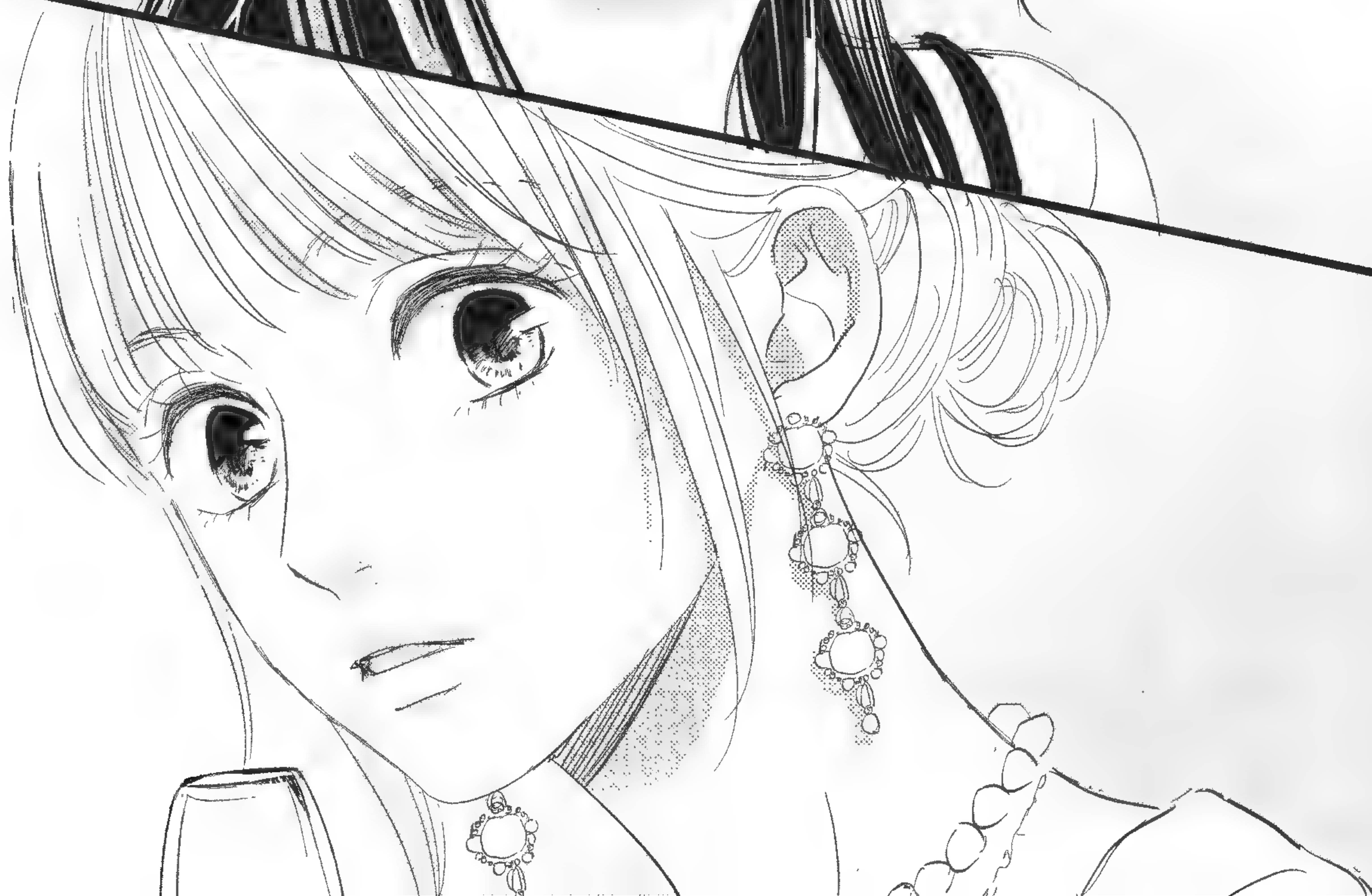
NO
MATTER
HOW TINY
IT IS...

IF I
HAVE A
CHANCE...

BUT...

HIKARU.

I'LL BE
BACK IN
A BIT.





**HARUKA,
NOOO!**

Girl,
you
can't
hold
your
boozell!

FWOOM

BLUUUSSSH

HUH?

Haruka?

**YOU OKAY,
HARUKA?**

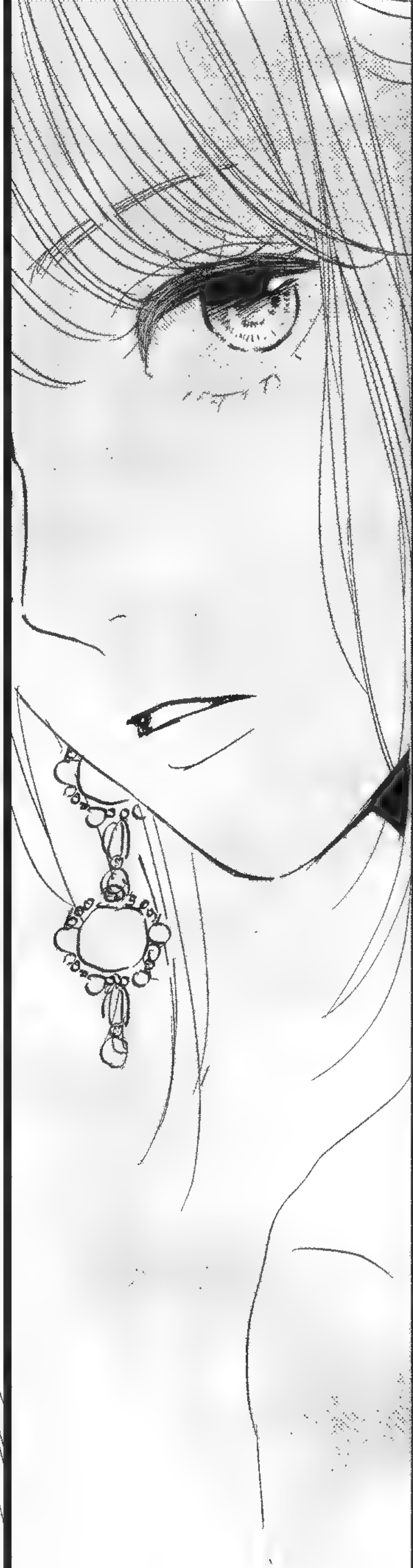
Need
some
water?

WGI
PARIS





SO, WHAT
EXACTLY
DO YOU
FEEL FOR
HER?



IF YOU'RE
WILLING TO
GO THIS FAR,
I ASSUME
THERE
MUST BE
SOMETHING.



I KNOW
YOU'VE GOT
NO REASON
TO PICK THIS
MILQUETOAST
GIRL.

SHE
EXPECTS A
LOT FROM
YOU, LIKE
THE FOOL
SHE IS.

UNLIKE
THE OTHER
GIRLS YOU
KNOW, SHE
STILL HASN'T
FIGURED YOU
OUT.



IF
YOU'RE
JUST
PLAYING
ALONG OUT
OF PITY...

ALL
YOU'LL
END UP
DOING IS
HURTING
HER.

BWGH
PARIS



WOW,
YOU
REALLY
HATE MY
GUTS,
DON'T
YOU?



BWGH
PARIS



SHE'S
LUCKY
TO HAVE
SOMEONE
LIKE YOU
LOOKING
AFTER HER.

GUESS THAT
SAYING ABOUT
WOMEN'S
FRIENDSHIPS
BEING FRAGILE
IS A BUNCHA
BULL.

'SCUSE
ME?



Pardon?!

DON'T CHANGE
THE FREAKIN'
SUBJECT--

I GET
IT. YOU
VALUE
HER.



OR
ELSE YOU
WOULDN'T
BE SO
SERIOUS
ABOUT IT.



I GOT THIS.

We still got guests?

HMM?

GOTTA TAKE THIS GIRL--

OH, SORRY. GIMME A BIT.

WE BUSTED OUT THE WINE! LET'S HAVE A TOAST BEFORE--

KUROTAKI!

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE SHE LIVES, DO YOU?

BUH?

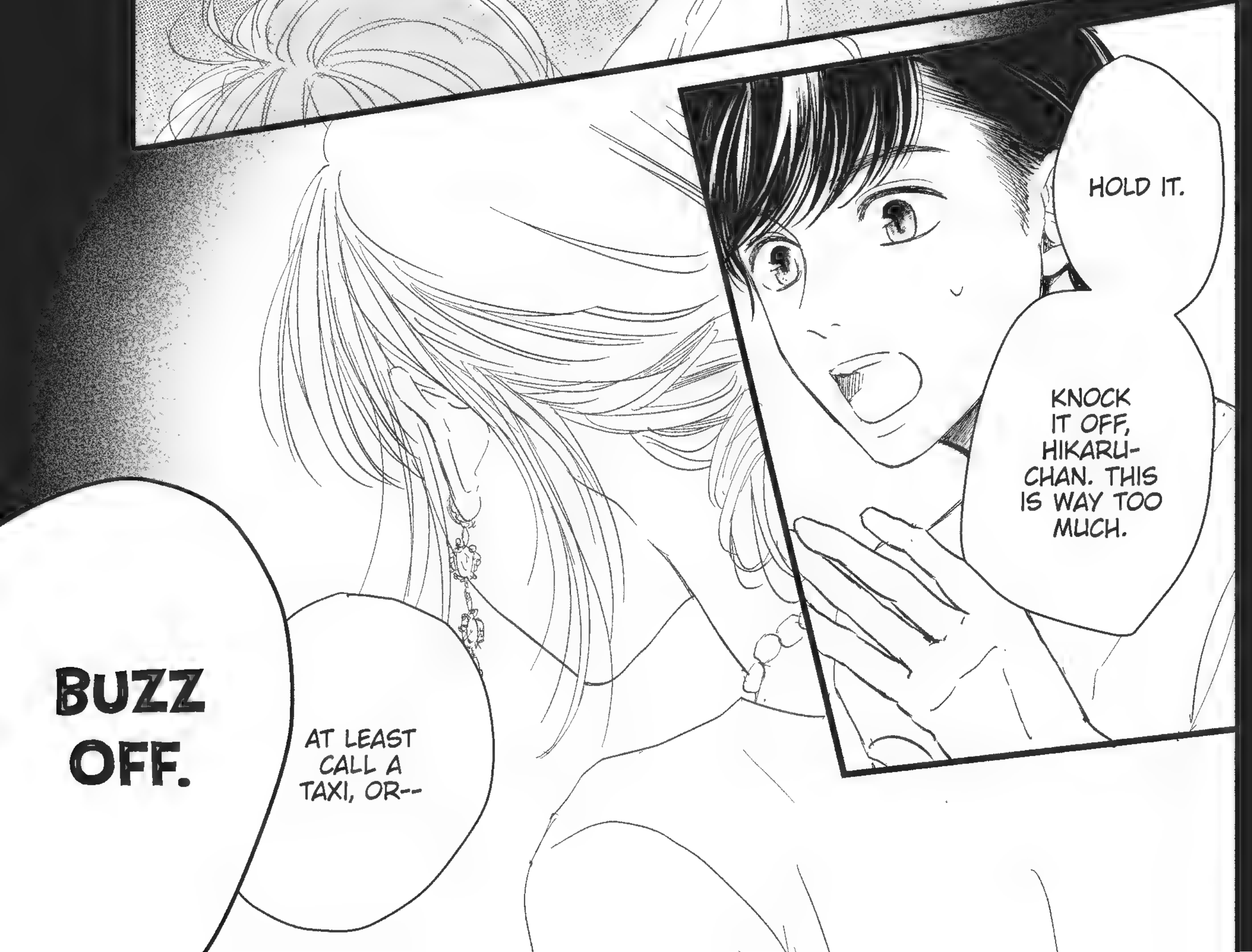


HOLD IT.

KNOCK IT OFF, HIKARU-CHAN. THIS IS WAY TOO MUCH.

BUZZ OFF.

AT LEAST CALL A TAXI, OR--



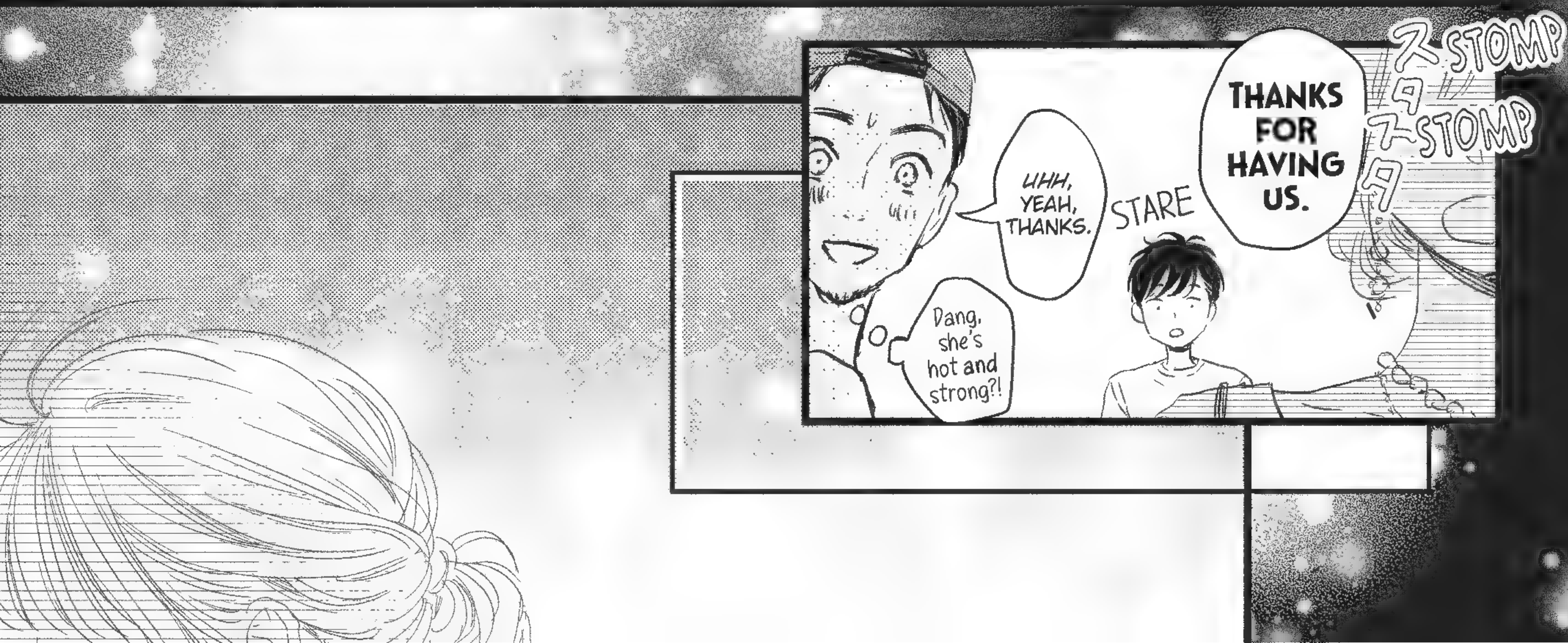




I ALREADY
TOLD YOU.



STOP
USING
-CHAN
WITH
ME.



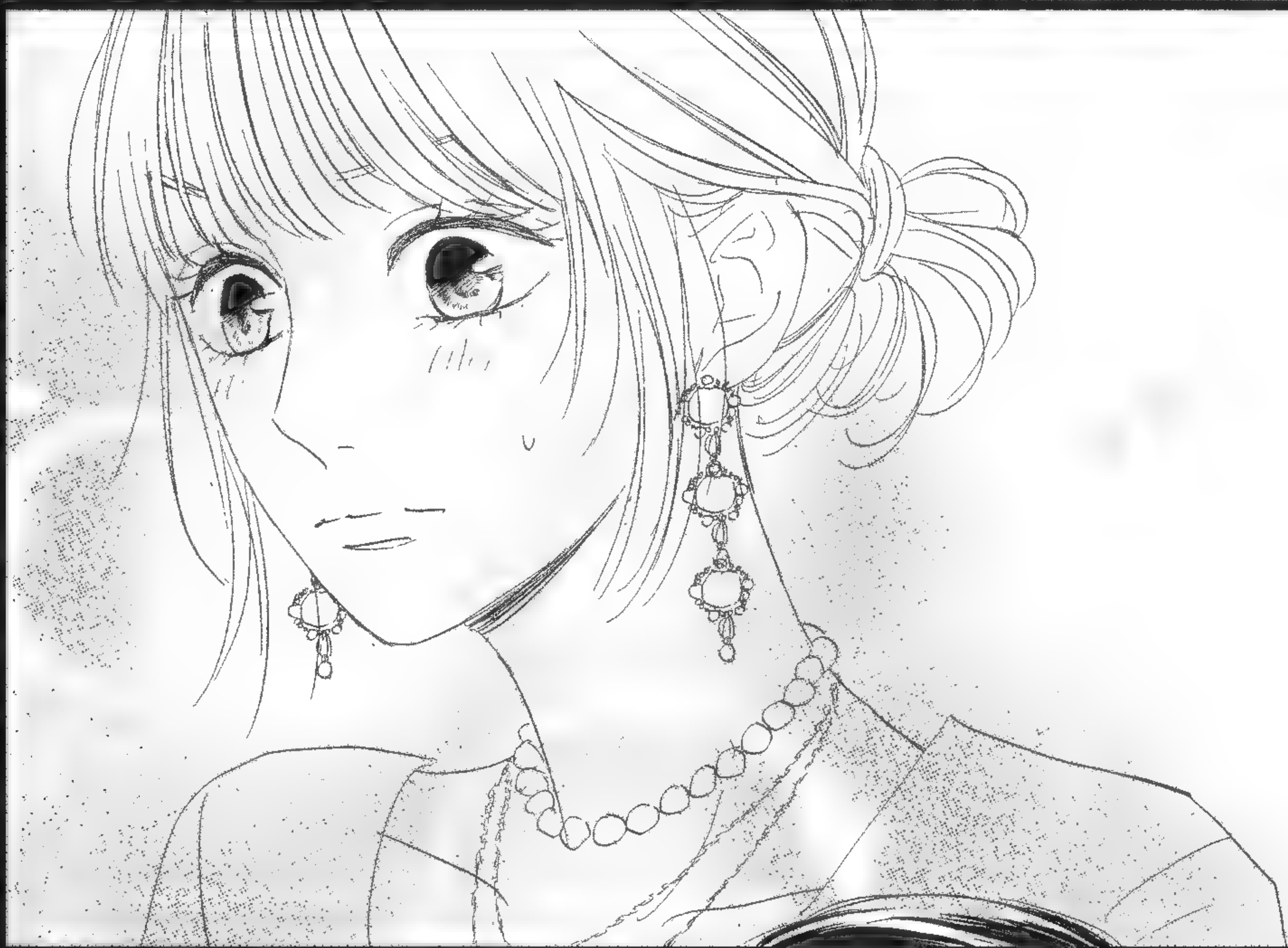
UHH,
YEAH,
THANKS.

Dang,
she's
hot and
strong?!

STARE

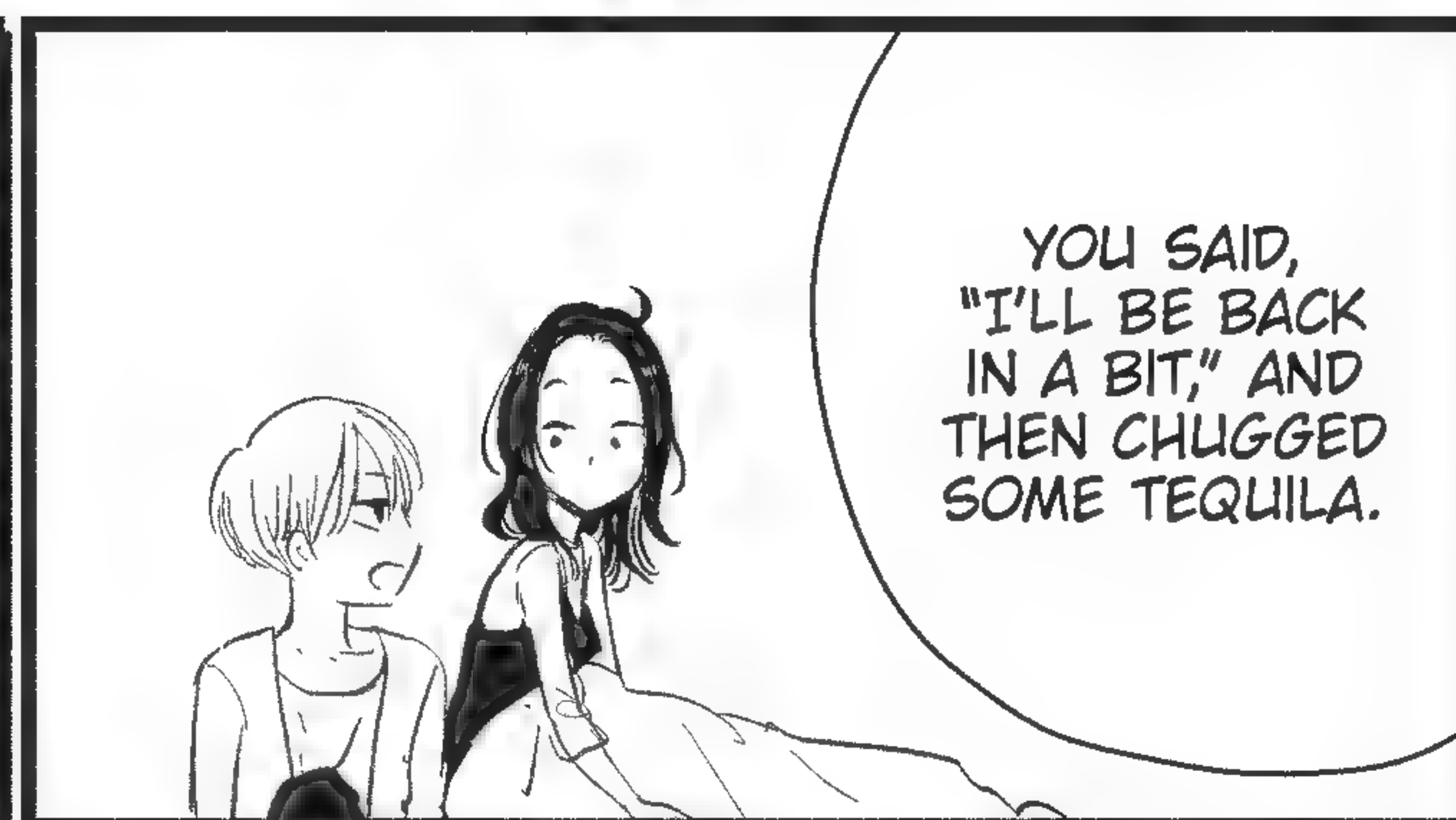
THANKS
FOR
HAVING
US.

7 STOMP
9 STOMP
7 STOMP
9



THE
HELL AM
I EVEN
DOING?







OH, BY
THE WAY.

I'm never
drinking
alcohol
ever
again!

How
totally
embar-
rassing!

I'M
SOOO
SORRY.
THANK
YOU!



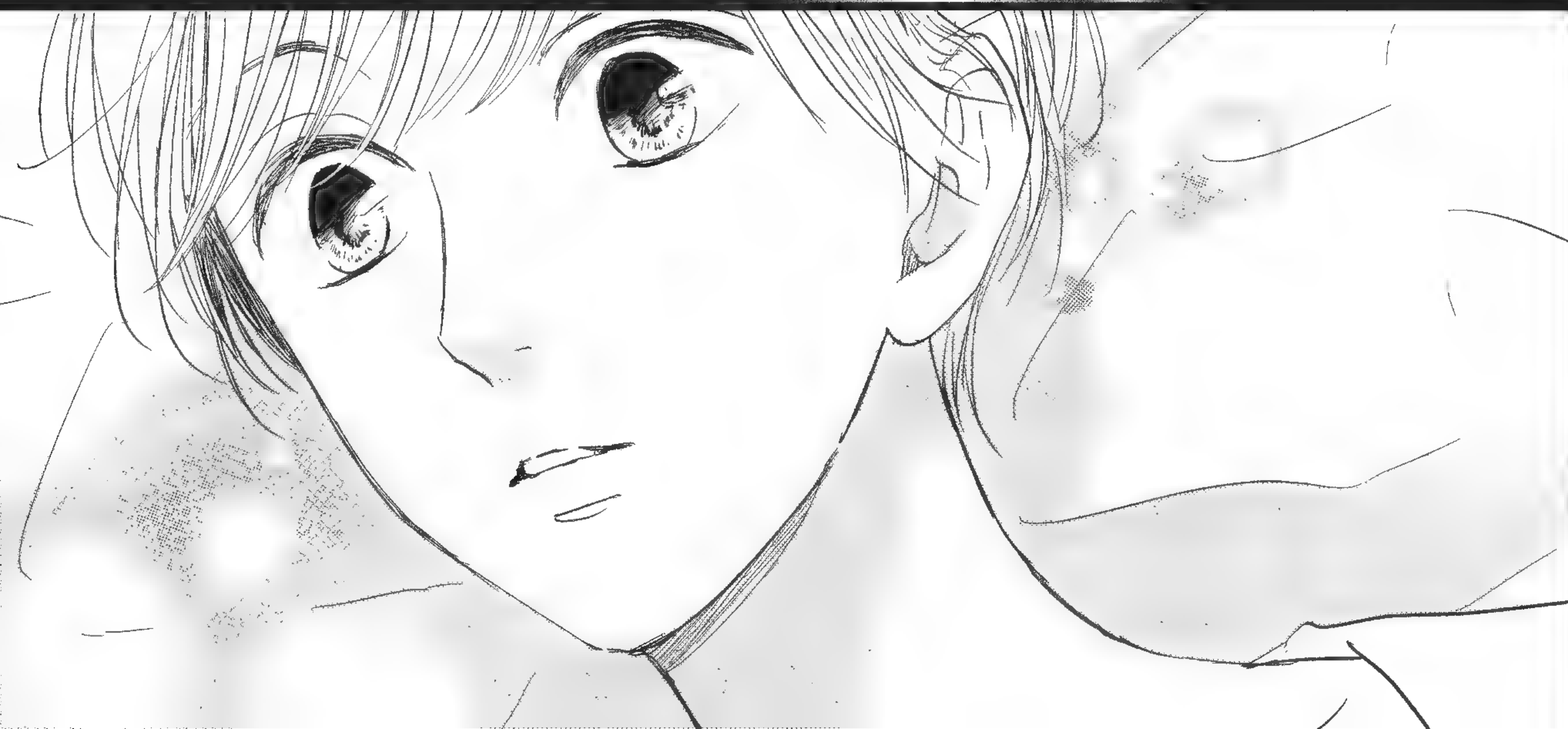
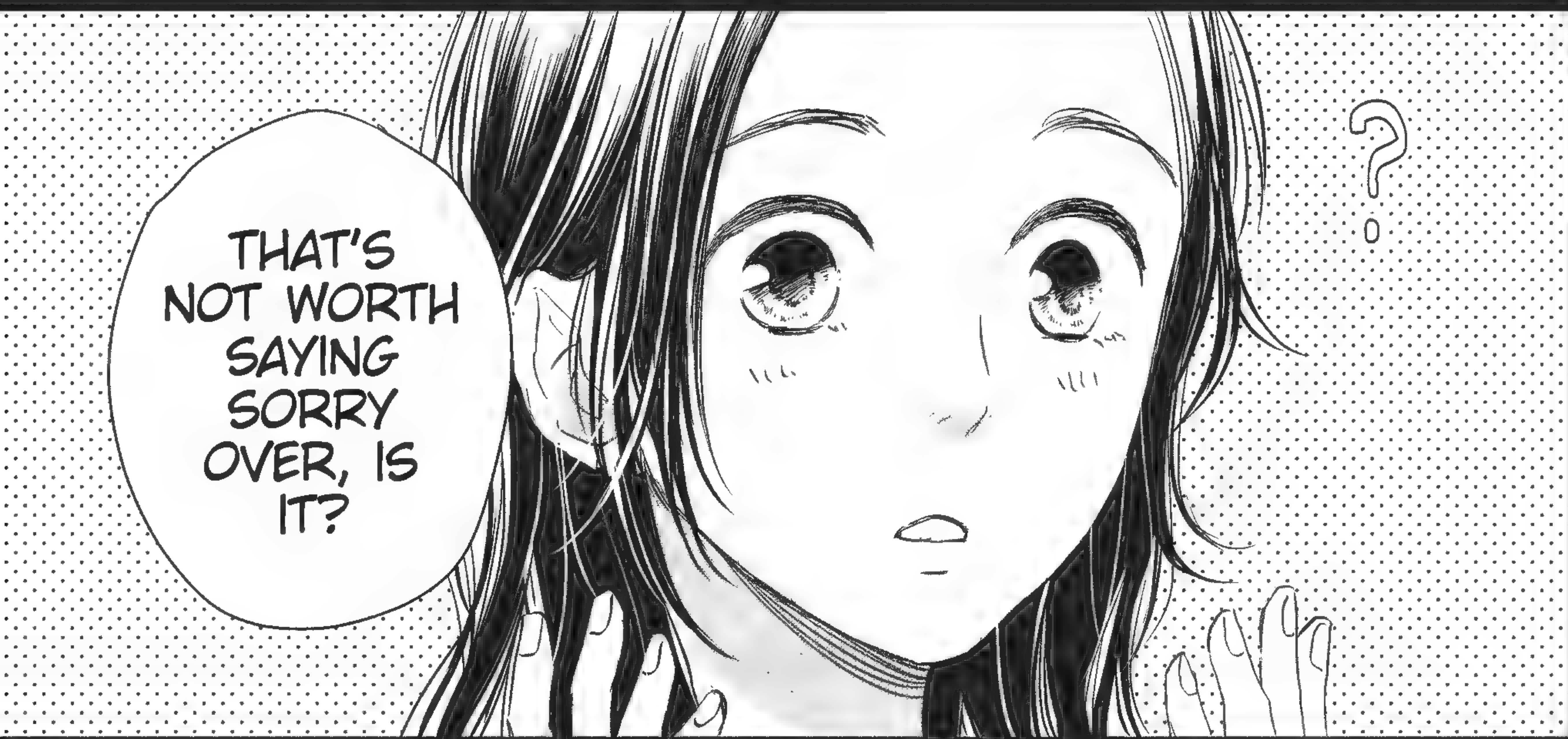
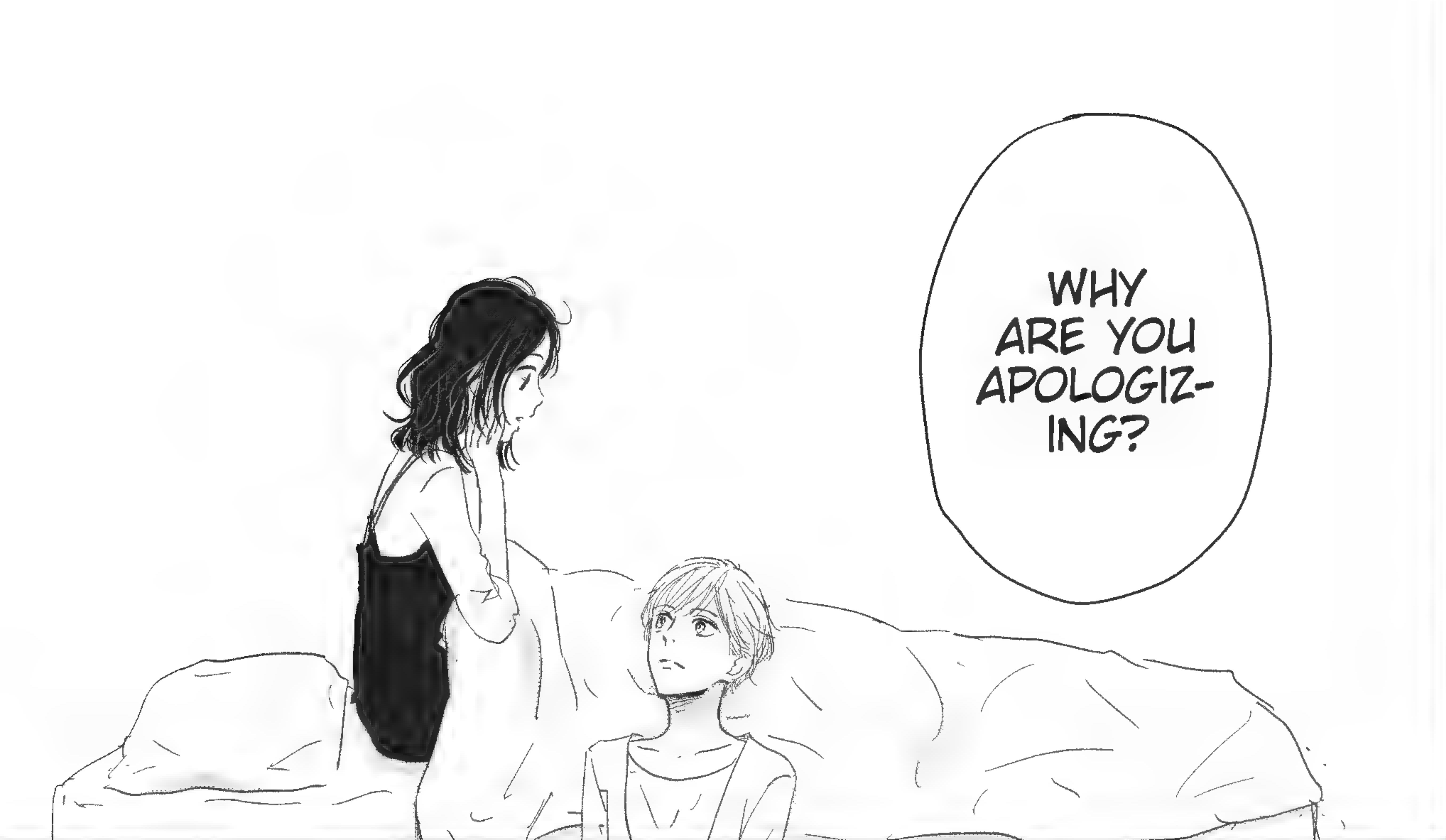
PLOP

I TOTALLY
BLEW MY
COVER.



HE
KNOWS
I'M A
MAN
NOW.







LOOK,
C'MON.

WHY,
THOUGH?

OF
COURSE
IT IS.

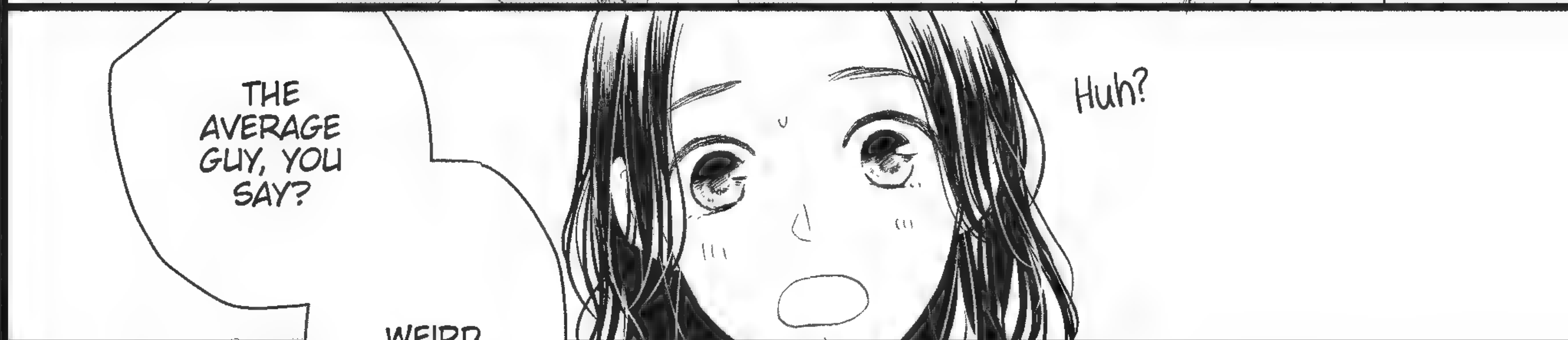


THE
AVERAGE
GUY WOULD
GET TURNED
OFF BIG
TIME!

A GIRL
HANGING
OUT WITH
A CROSS-
DRESSER?

SERI-
OUSLY.

IT JUST
LOOKS
REAL
BAD, YOU
KNOW?



THE
AVERAGE
GUY, YOU
SAY?

Huh?

WEIRD.

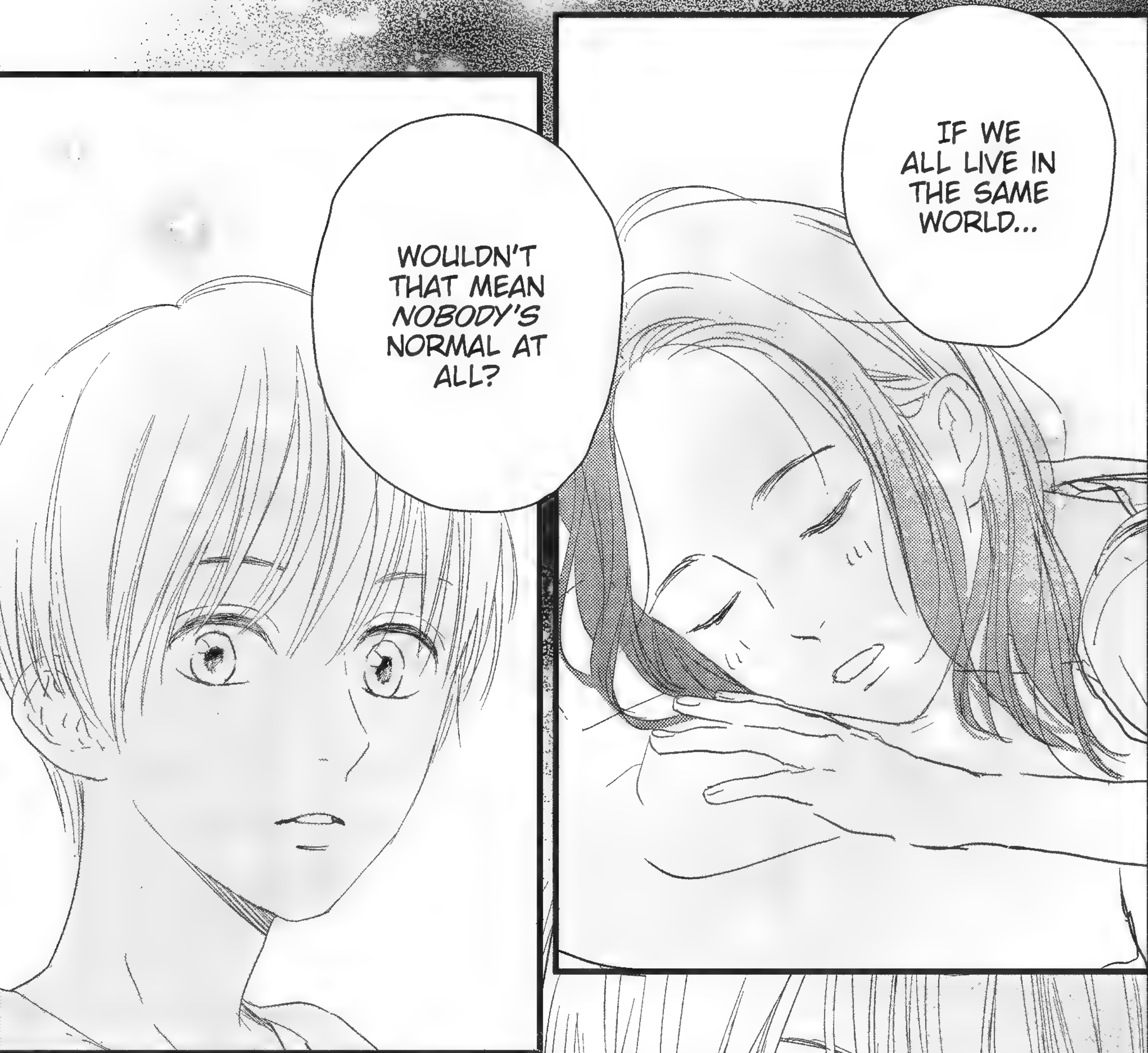


DID YOU
FORGET
WHAT YOU
SAID?

HOW I WAS
WRONG
ABOUT US
BEING IN
"DIFFERENT
WORLDS"?



YAWN...



WOULDN'T
THAT MEAN
NOBODY'S
NORMAL AT
ALL?

IF WE
ALL LIVE IN
THE SAME
WORLD...



LOOK,
YOU CAN
SAY THAT,
BUT--





I REALLY
DOUBT IT...



BLRRRGH.

I guess
not?

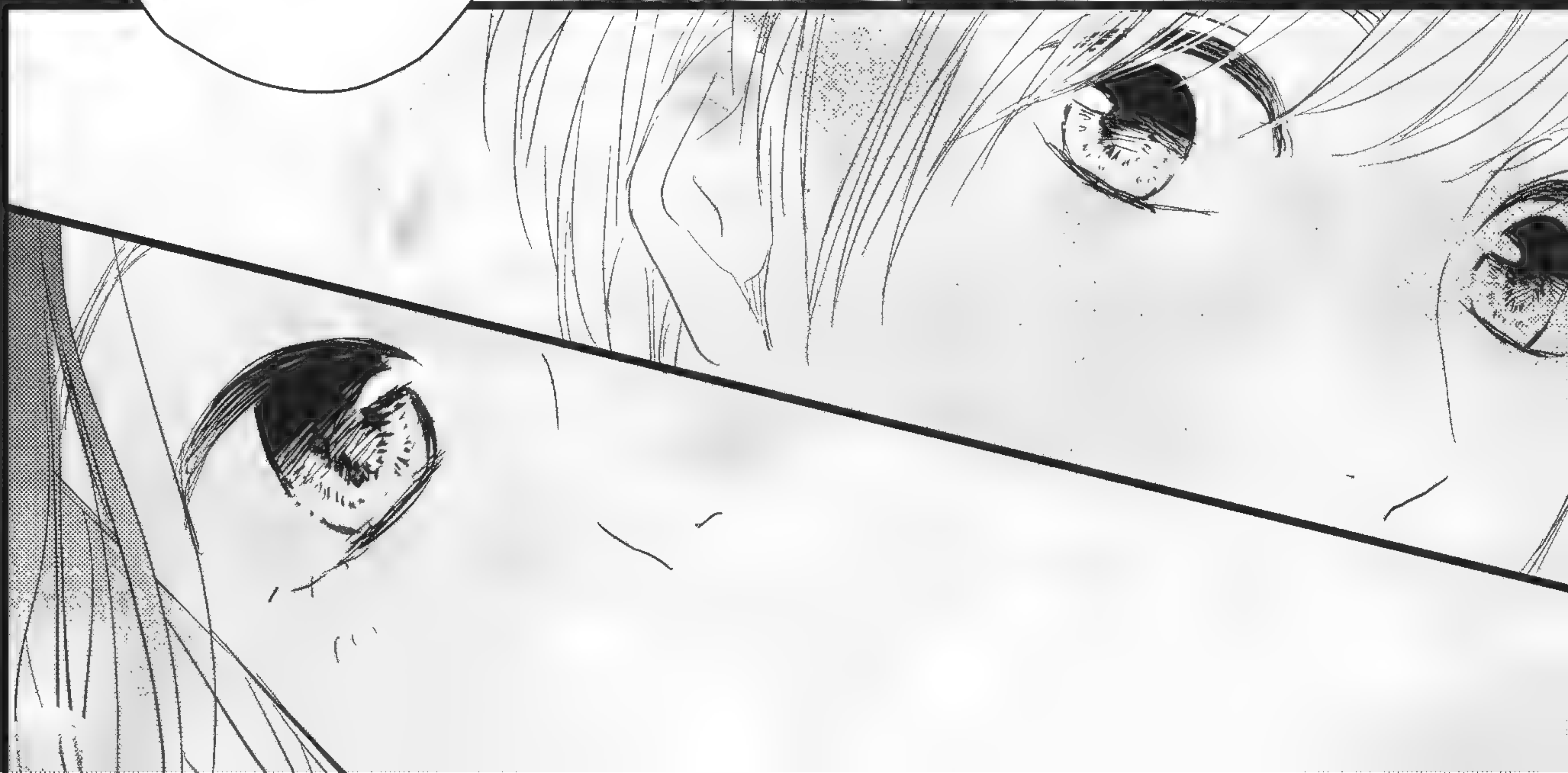
WHAT
KURO-
TAKI-
SAN'S
THINKING!

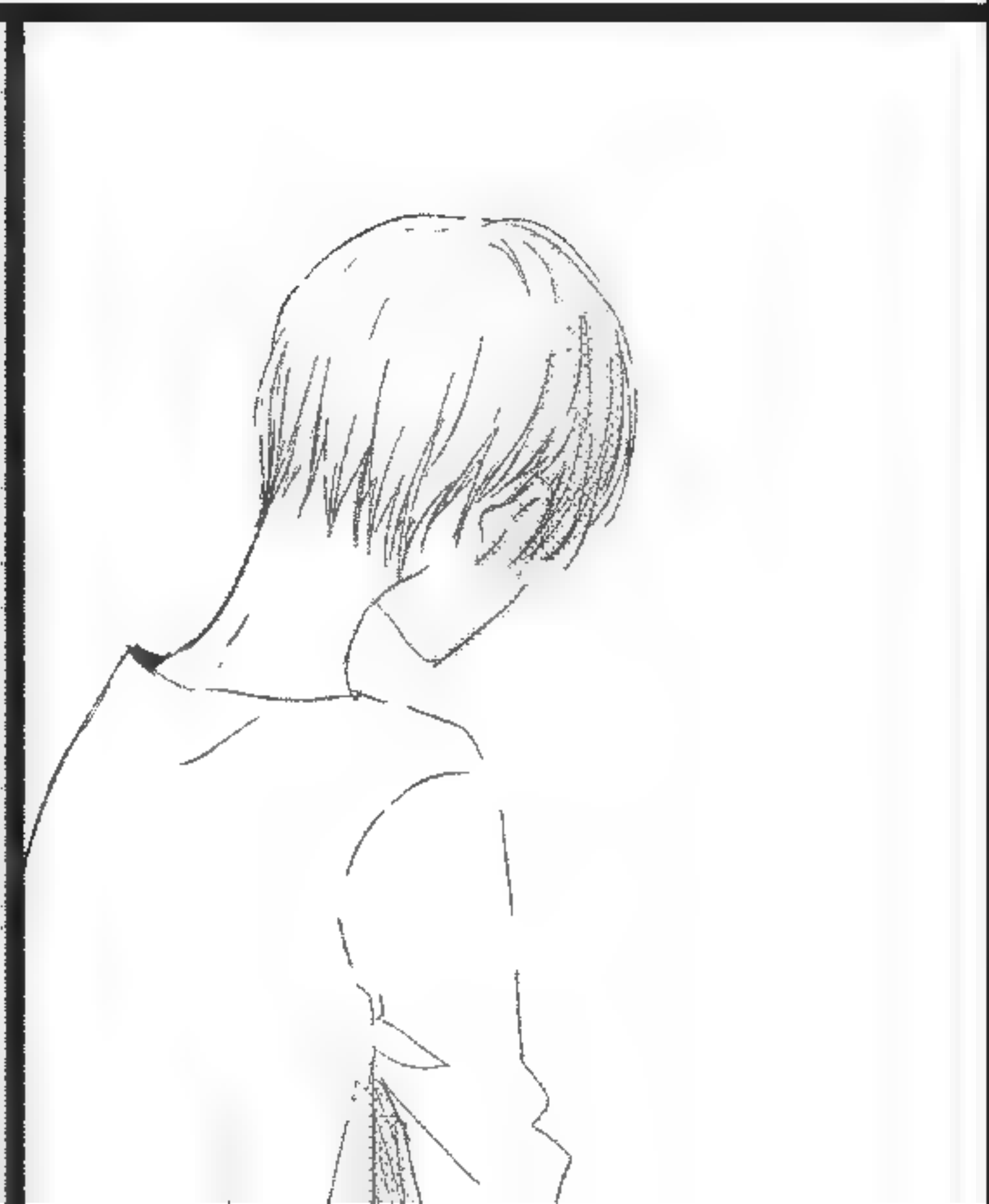
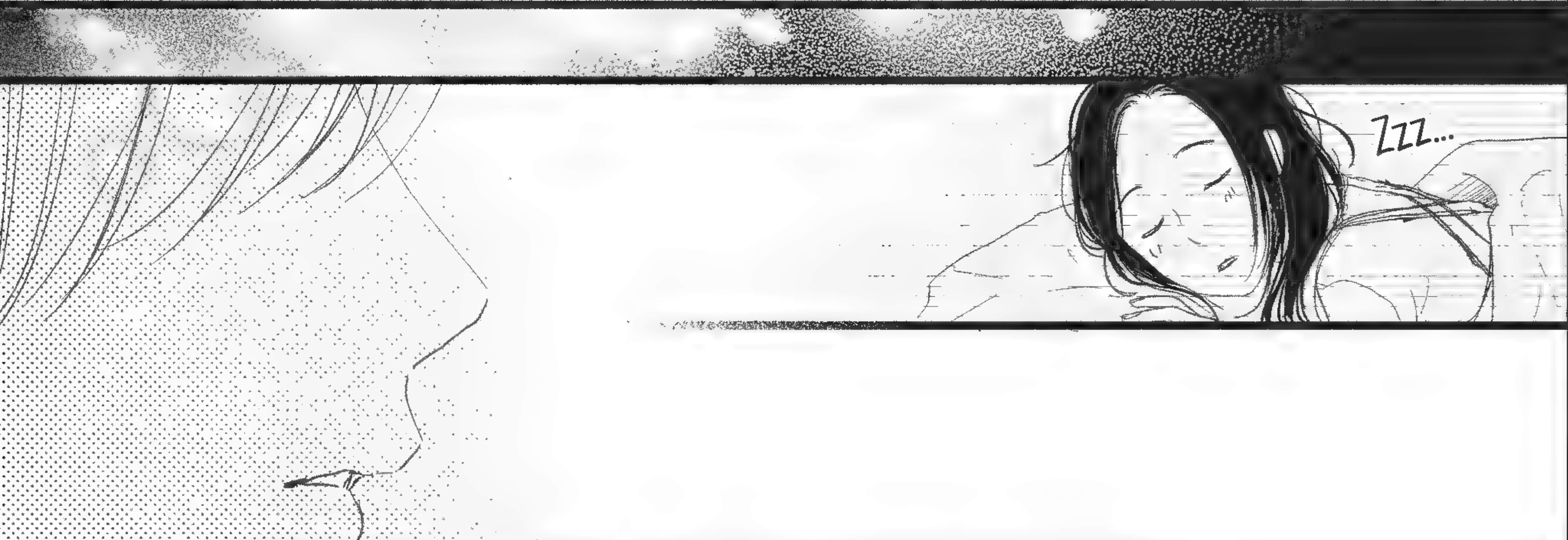
YOU
DON'T
REALLY
KNOW,
DO
YOU?!



BUT IF
KUROTAKI-
SAN WAS
THE KIND
OF PERSON
THAT'D THINK
YOU WERE
GROSS...

THEN
I DON'T
THINK HE'S
SOMEONE
I'D END UP
LOVING.







DRAT IT
ALL...



WHY IS
SHE LIKE
THIS?!

MMRRFFF...
MMRRFFF...

ZZZZZ

To be continued.

THE AUTHOR SPEAKS

It's my third manga series!!

Thank you
all so very
much! It's
celebration
time!!

Greetings
to all who
know me, and
newcomers
as well.

Woo-hoo!
Yay!

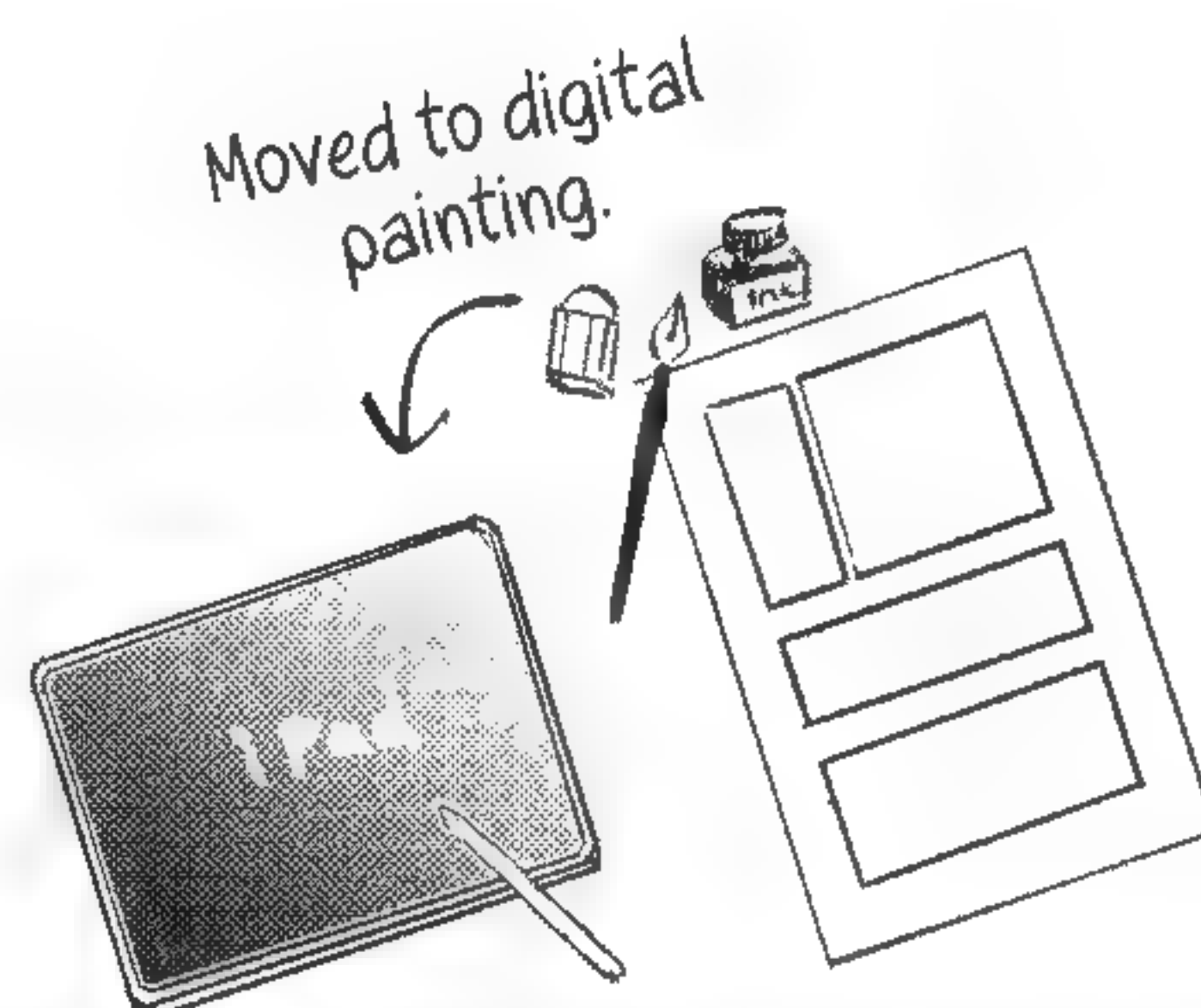
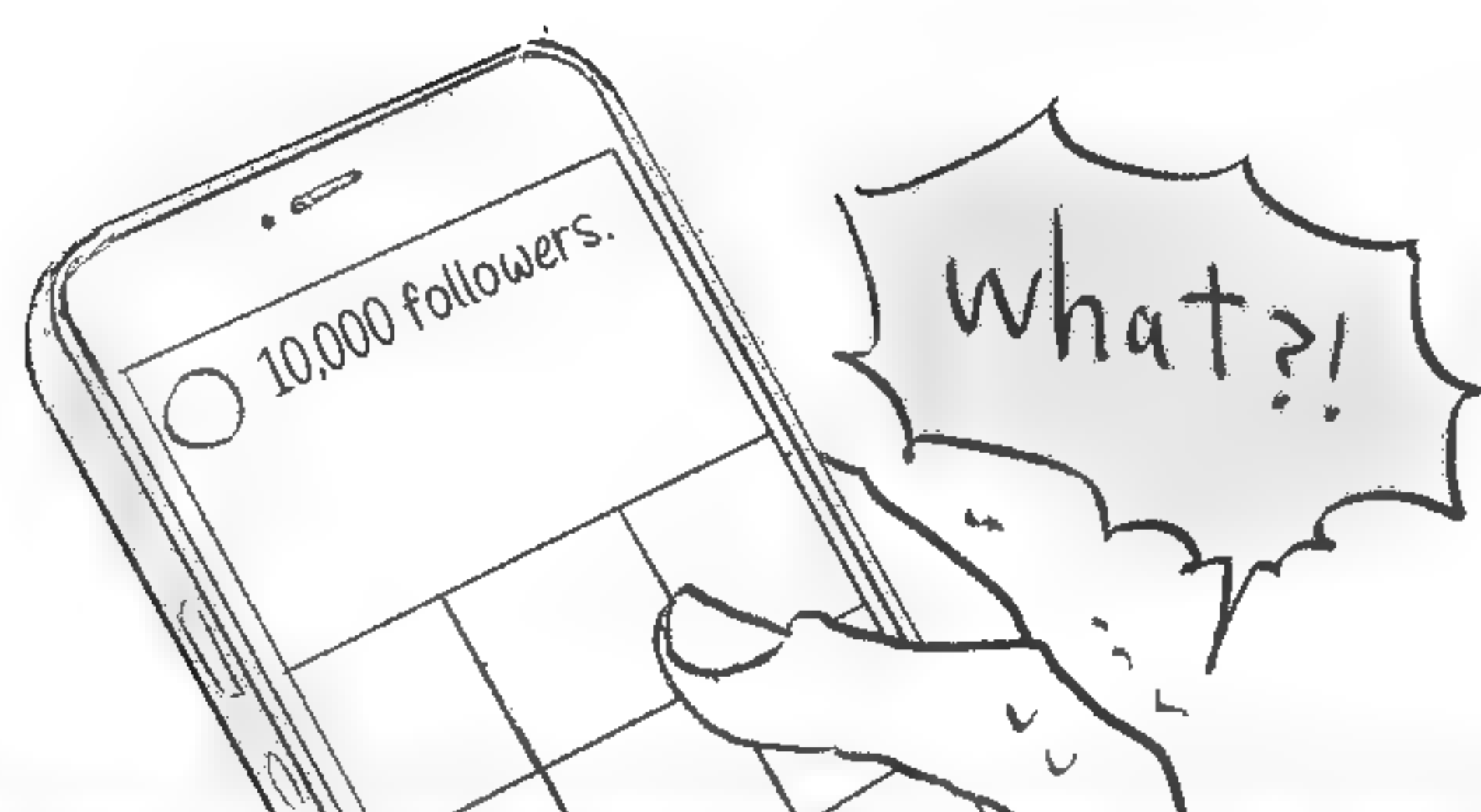


To put
it simply, I
went viral on
Instagram.

Especially
since 2017.

Lots of
things have
happened
since then.

It's been
about ten
years since
I made my
mangaka
debut.



I think...
Bonnyan's
still alive.



Being an
illustrator
is no cushy
job itself.

WAAAAH!!

I can't even
afford to eat! I'm
gonna quit manga
and become an
illustrator
instead!!

That's
caused a big
shift in my
identity as a
mangaka.

I got
surprisingly
nice reviews
from fashion
lovers
everywhere.



I record
any sick
looks I find
when out
and about.

I'm sure
some of you
have already
read these
chapters
over there...

Enormous
thanks to
all of my
followers on
Instagram.

I made
a living
briefly
as an
assistant.

So, before
I started
working on
this series...



Many
thanks
to the
authors
who lent
me their
support.

All my
thoughts on
fashion and
Tokyo came
from there,
and I put
them into this
manga.

but without
that site
and your
support, this
series would
never have
happened.

Hope to
see you
next time,
too!

and so,
I will
continue
to work
on this
series.



Being able
to earn my
own money
for food fills
me with true
happiness...



One might assume manga is an individual effort, but it really takes a team. I owe the completion of this book to these incredible people who worked alongside me.



Aoboshi Sana
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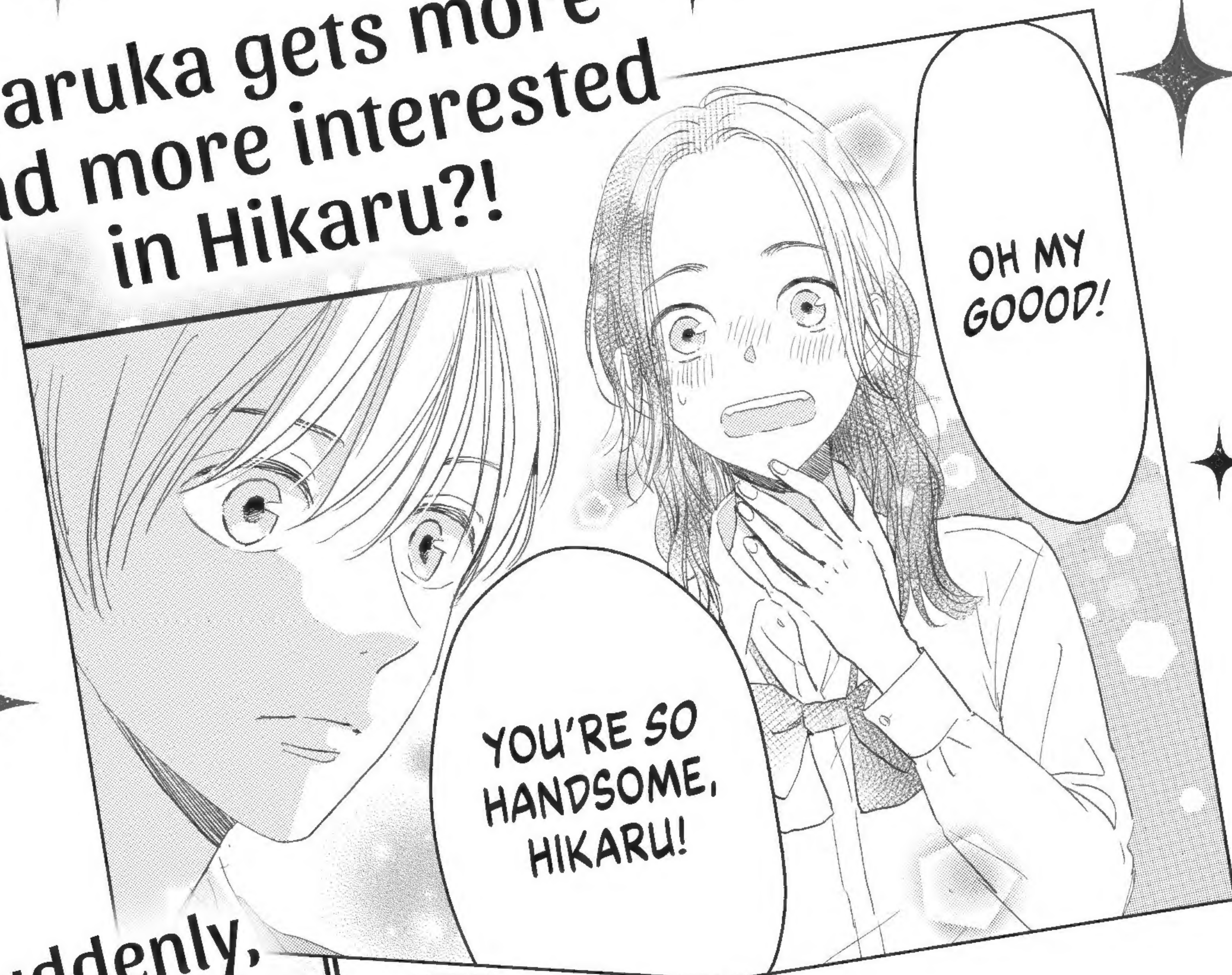
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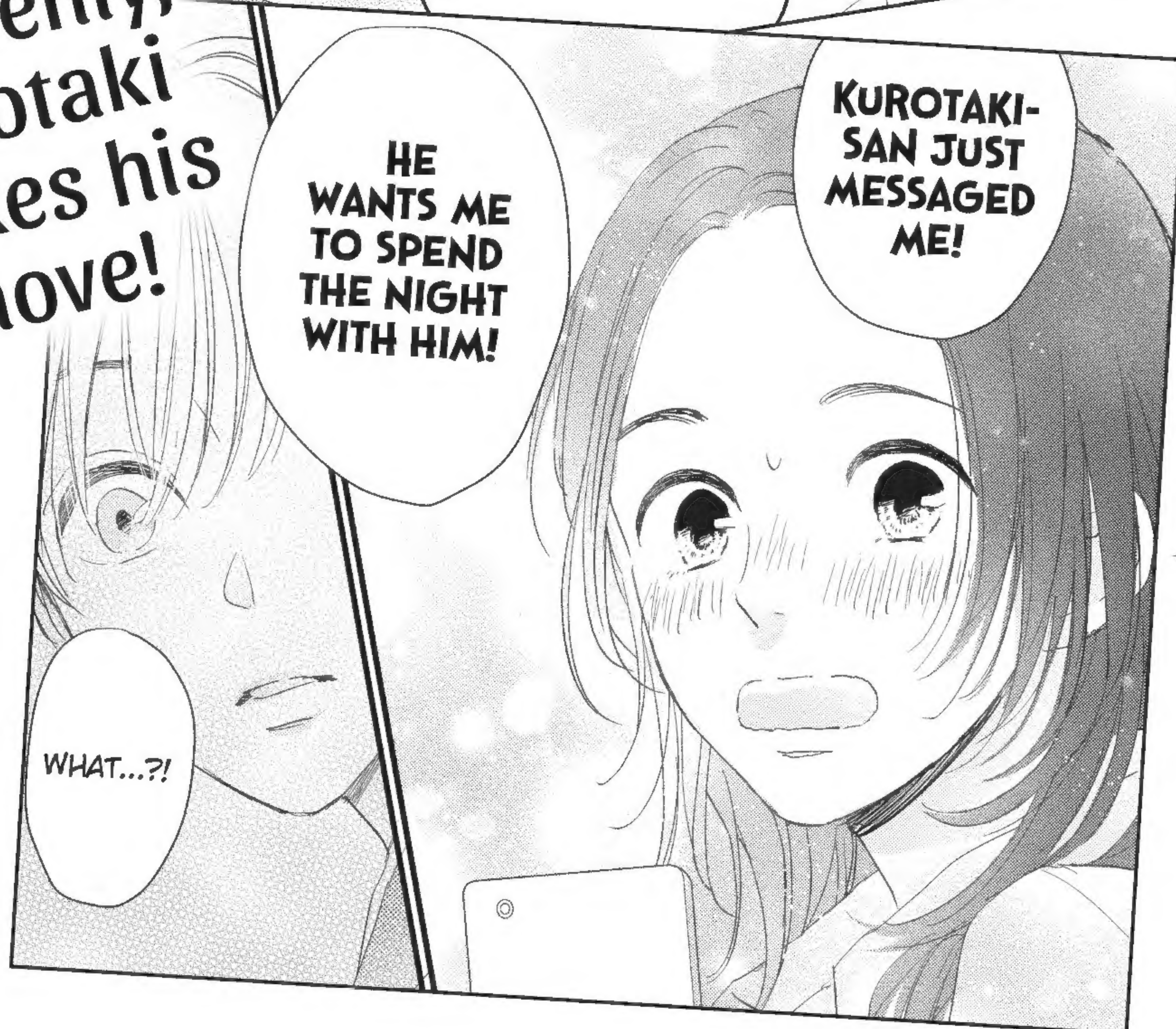
Hikaru and Haruka
cosplay in school
uniforms! For some
reason! ♥



Haruka gets more
and more interested
in Hikaru?!



Suddenly,
Kurotaki
makes his
move!



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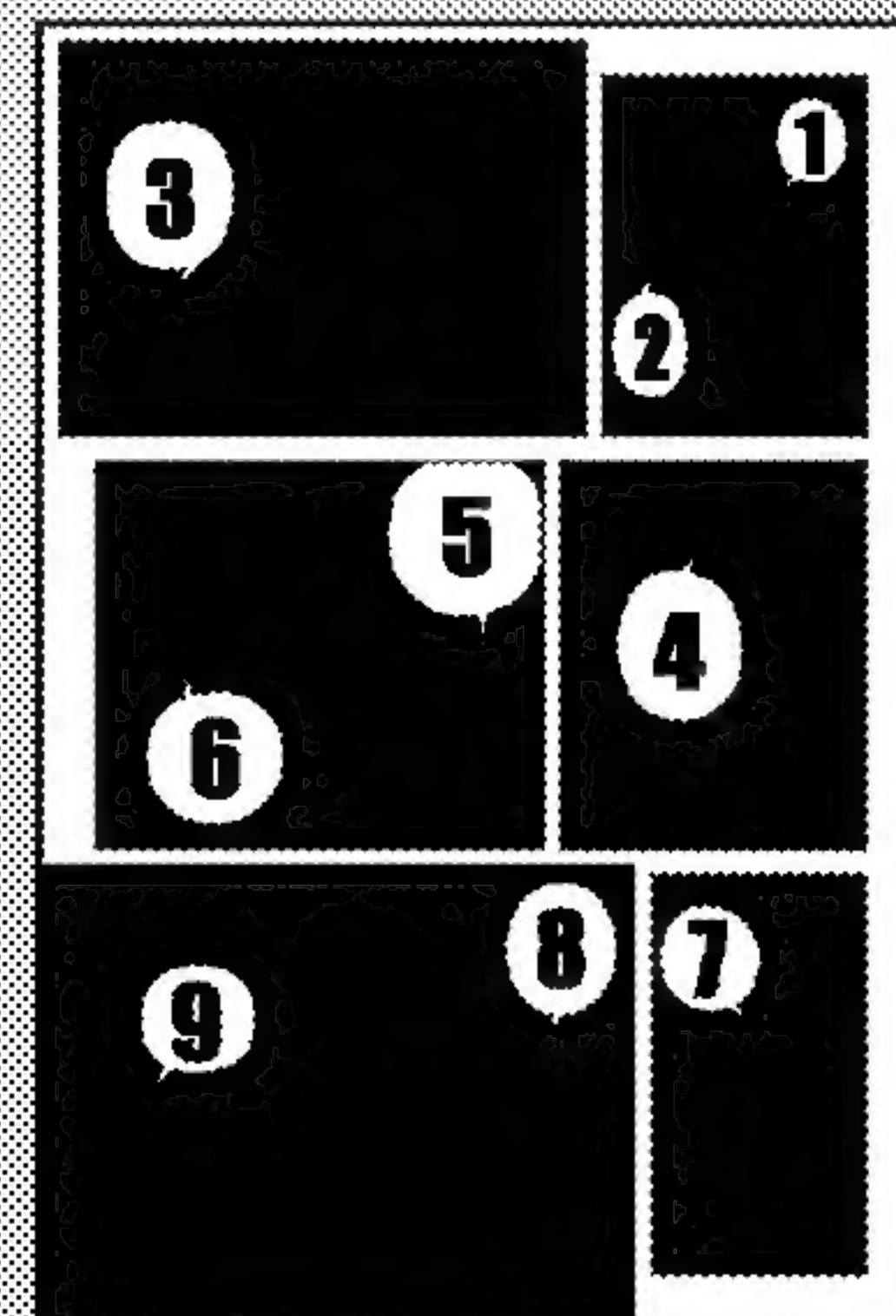
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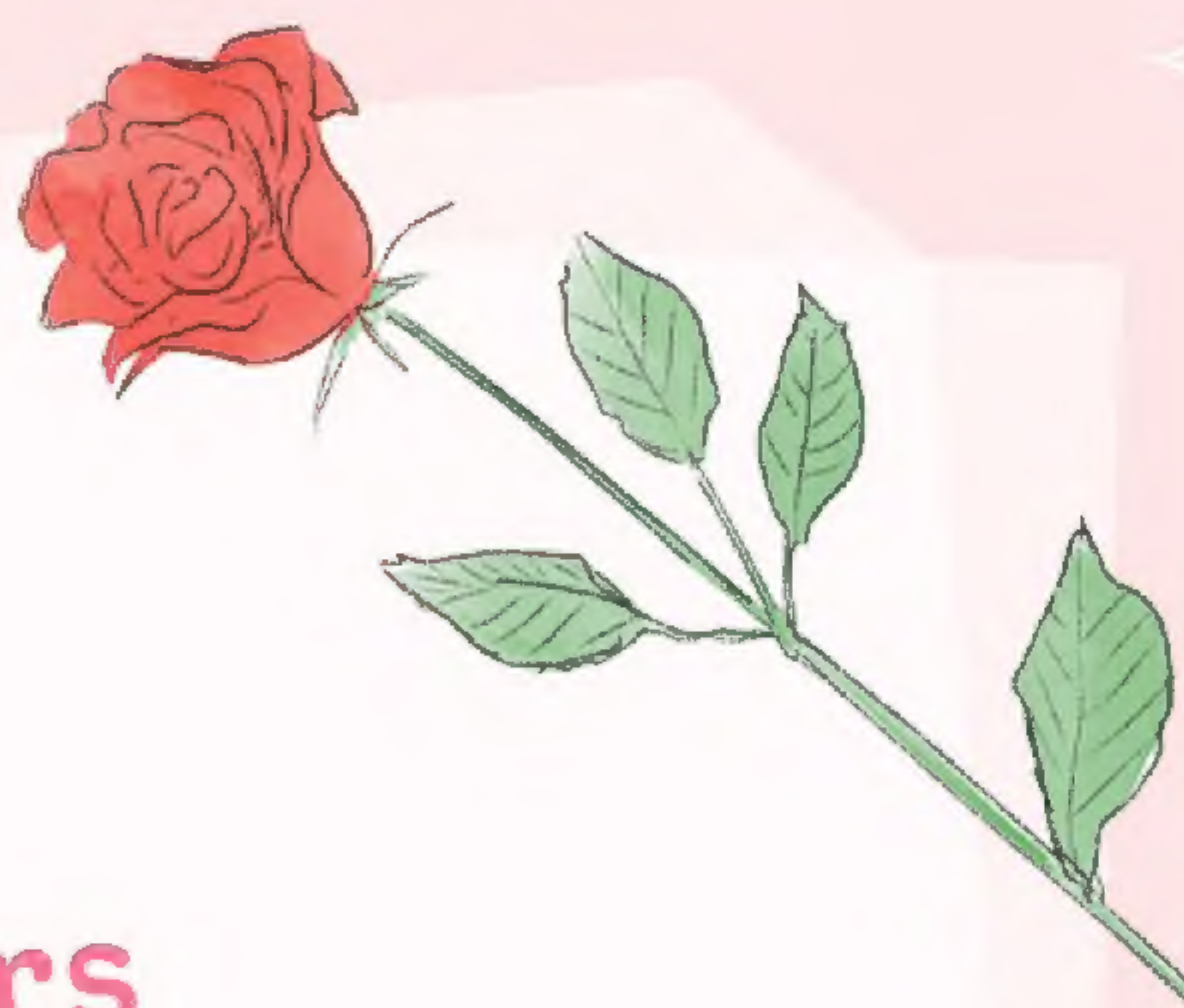
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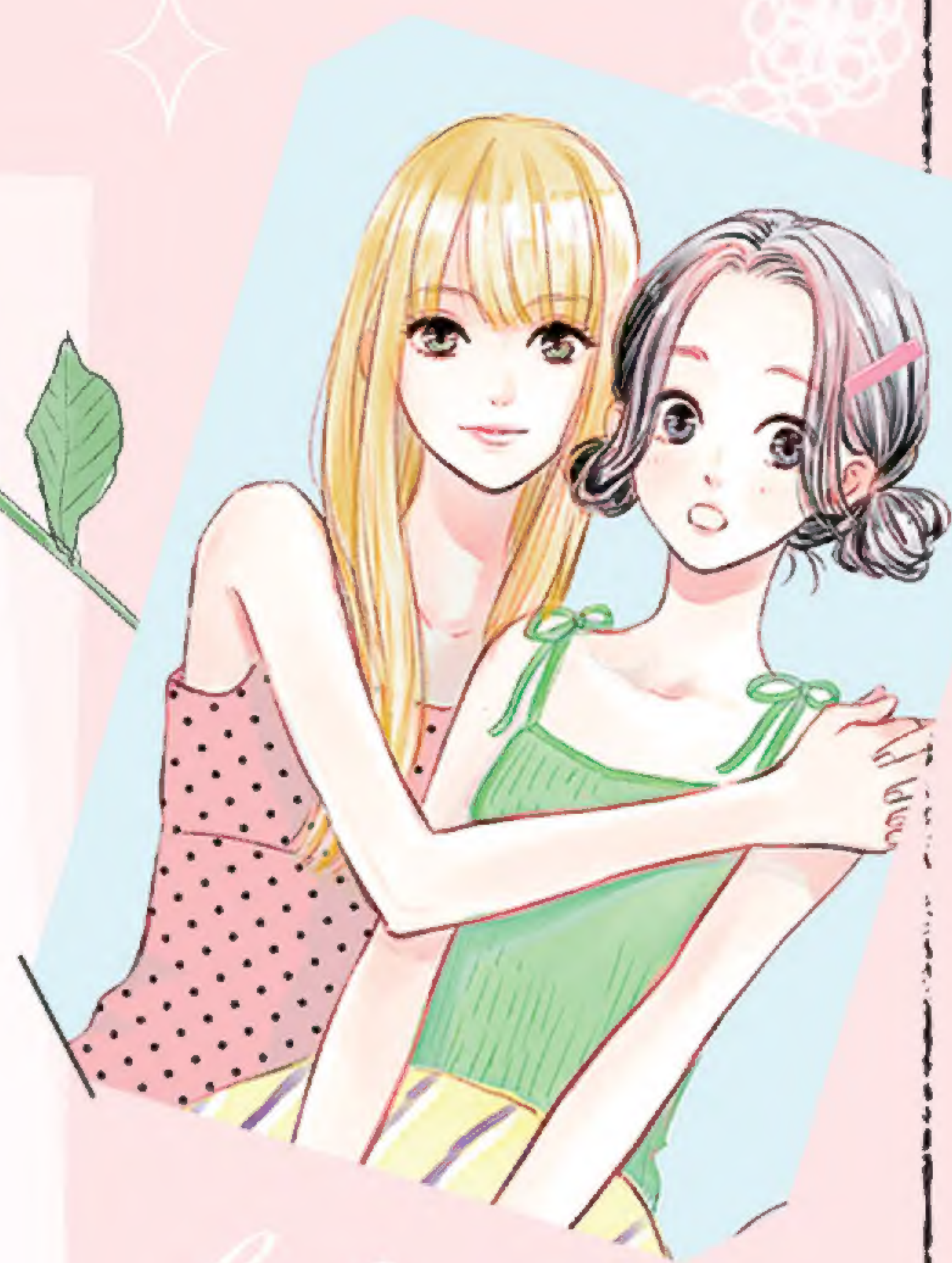


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*hikaru &
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